Country Life, September 30, 1954

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COUNTRY LIFE

On Sale Thursday
SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

TWO SHILLINGS

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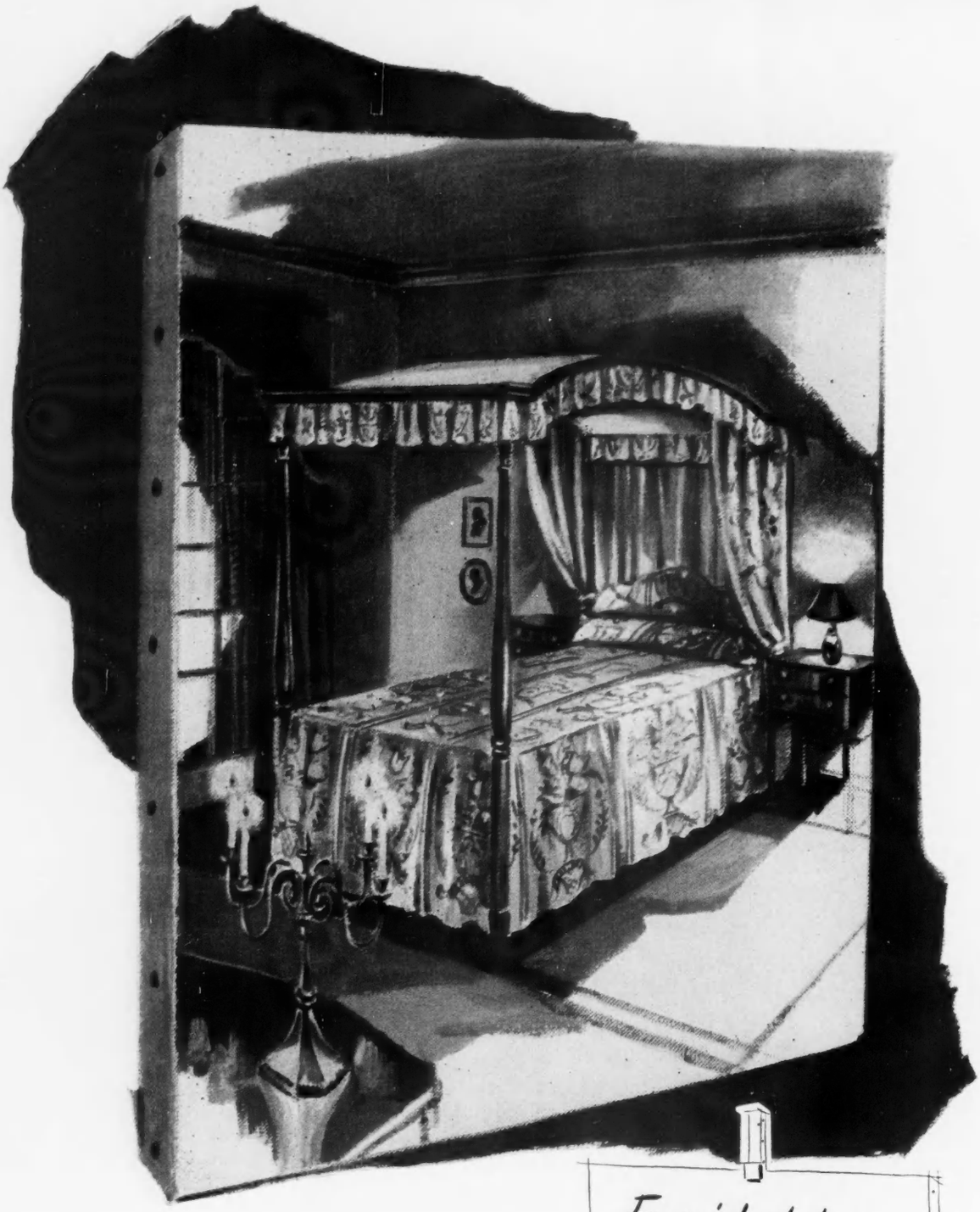

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KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

By Direction of the Rt. Hon. The Earl Ferrers.

LEICESTERSHIRE-DERBYSHIRE BORDERS

Ashby-de-la-Zouch 4 miles. Derby 11 miles. Leicester 17 miles.

THE STAUNTON HAROLD ESTATE—ABOUT 1,560 ACRES

A COMPACT AGRICULTURAL AND SPORTING PROPERTY

Situated in well wooded and gently undulating countryside comprising:

THE HISTORIC MANSION WITH PARK AND LAKES

CAPITAL DAIRY FARM OF 185 ACRES WITH EARLY POSSESSION

SEVEN OTHER FARMS

with compact homesteads of 274, 249, 246, 133, 79, 50 and 40 acres. Walled kitchen garden. Several cottages. Accommodation land. Valuable woodland lots.

Vacant Possession of many lots. Let portions produce £3,232 p.a.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION as a whole or in 19 lots, at the Churchill Hall, Curzon Street, Derby, on Tuesday, October 12, at 3 p.m. (unless previously sold)

Solicitors: Messrs. LONGBOURNE, STEVENS & POWELL, 7, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

Auctioneers: Messrs. JOHN GERMAN & SON, Estate Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. (Tel. Ashby-de-la-Zouch 8) and at Burton-on-Trent and Derby and Ramsbury, Wilts., and Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

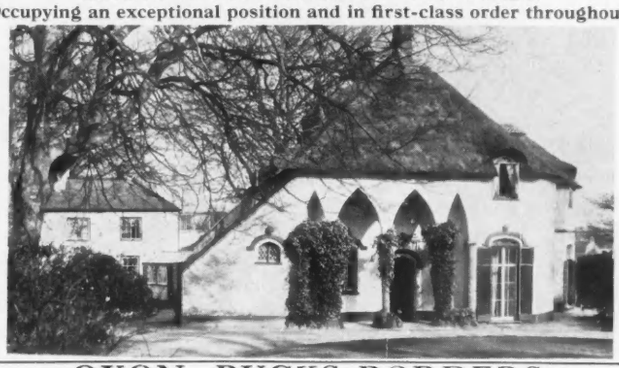
CHANNEL ISLE—JERSEY

Occupying an exceptional position and in first-class order throughout.

A UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL MODERNISED 18th-CENTURY HOUSE.

Lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms (basins h. and c.). 2 attics, cloakroom, bathroom, kitchen.

SELF-CONTAINED WING with 3 bedrooms, bathroom, sitting room, kitchen. Suitable for staff or could be let separately.



Main electric light and water.

GARAGE FOR 3.

Two lodges.

Easily maintained grounds with well stocked walled garden. Farm (let).

IN ALL ABOUT 40 VERGEES.

For Sale Freehold

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK AND RUTLEY. (52,362 K.M.)

Accredited Agents: E. S. TAYLOR LTD., Jersey, C.I.

OXON—BUCKS BORDERS

About 350 feet above sea level in unspoilt country. Princes Risborough 7 miles. High Wycombe 11 miles.

A CHARMING MEDIUM-SIZED GEORGIAN HOUSE

thoroughly modernised, compactly planned and easily run.

4 reception rooms, 6 principal bedrooms, guest bedroom and 2 staff rooms, 4 bathrooms, central heating. Main electric light and power. Own water supply (main available). Septic tank drainage.

Garage for 2 cars. 2 Staff Flats. 4 Cottages.

Home Farm (T.T. and Attested), Cowhouse for 20. Modern Piggery.

Delightful matured gardens. Walled kitchen garden with ample glass. Lake and parkland.

ABOUT 65 ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (8,424.S.C.M.)

WEST DEVON. 500 FEET UP

Holsworthy (direct trains to London) 5 miles. Bude 10 miles.

SOLDON MANOR, SUTCOMBE, Nr. BRADWORTHY

Interesting historic 14th-century Manor House containing a wealth of old oak, and improved and modernised at considerable cost.

3 reception rooms, cloakroom, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. Usual offices. (further reception, bedroom, bathroom in conversion). Main electricity, Garage. Useful ranges of buildings suitable for pigs and poultry, capable of producing lucrative income. Gardens, orchard, paddock.

ABOUT 2½ ACRES. FREEHOLD.

For Sale by Auction at an Early Date (unless previously sold)

Solicitors: Messrs. TOWNEND, 42 Cricklade St., Swindon, Wiltshire.

Auctioneers: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

OXFORDSHIRE-BERKSHIRE BORDERS

BEAUTIFUL VALE OF THE WHITE HORSE COUNTRY

Close to station and buses.

A charming Tudor house with Queen Anne additions, well modernised and having many period features.

3 reception rooms, modern kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

Main electric light and water.

SWIMMING POOL. Charming walled garden.

IN ALL ABOUT 2 ACRES.

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Inspected and recommended by KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (49,894 K.M.)

JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF

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Also at CIRENCESTER, NORTHAMPTON, LEEDS, YEOVIL, CHICHESTER, CHESTER, NEWMARKET AND DUBLIN

COBHAM, SURREY

WEYBRIDGE STATION 2 MILES, LONDON 19 MILES.

THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1938 AND IS DESIGNED WITH WELL-PROPORTIONED ROOMS, A COMPACT LAYOUT FOR EASE OF RUNNING AND WITH VERY PLEASING ELEVATIONS

The roof is of Cotswold stone and much of the interior woodwork is of old rough-hewn oak.

It contains:
SPACIOUS HALL
CLOAKROOM
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EXCELLENT DOMESTIC OFFICES and 5 BEDROOMS
and 3 BATHROOMS.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR ARE:
4 ROOMS and BOXROOM which can be used as a self-contained flat with a separate entrance.

MAIN SERVICES
CENTRAL HEATING

ONE GARAGE UNDER HOUSE ROOF
DETACHED BUILDING
giving GARAGING for 3 CARS.

VERY EASILY MAINTAINED "PINE AND HEATHER" GARDENS

ABOUT 4½ ACRES

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN PRICE

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Tel. GROsvenor 3121 (3 lines)

WINKWORTH & CO.

48, CURZON STREET, LONDON, W.1.

IN A DELIGHTFUL POSITION, FACING SOUTH. UNDER 25 MILES WEST OF LONDON

45 minutes by frequent trains; on dry soil with lovely outlook to the South over a well-known golf course.

A superb Small Country Residence of great charm and character.

In first-class order.

Principal suite of bedroom, dressing room and bathroom, 3 more best bedrooms, 2 other bathrooms, hall and 3 good reception rooms, model domestic offices, 3 staff rooms arranged as flat.

Main electricity, gas and water. Central heating.

Well-equipped throughout with cupboards, basins in bedrooms and polished floors.

Garden and grounds forming a peaceful secluded setting.

FREEHOLD PRICE £13,000

Inspected and confidently recommended by Owner's Agents: WINKWORTH & Co., 48, Curzon Street, W.1. (GRO 3121)

NEAR BEAUTIFUL ESSEX VILLAGE

In a completely rural area about 300 ft. above sea level with extensive views.

A VERY ATTRACTIVE OLD FARM HOUSE

Skilfully modernised.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, 3 reception rooms and loggia. Lavishly equipped labour-saving kitchen.

Main electricity (with power). Ample water supply.

GARAGES AND FINE OLD BARN

suitable for games room or cottage. Really lovely garden formed from old farmyard, paddock, etc.

FOR SALE WITH 15 ACRES

WINKWORTH & Co., 48, Curzon Street, W.1.

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

SURREY. 600 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

WITHIN EASY MOTORING DISTANCE OF DORKING AND GUILDFORD

Facing south with magnificent views.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY ATTRACTIVE HOUSE

In good decorative order, built of brick and stone with pantiled roof.

3 reception rooms, 4 principal bedrooms, guest suite, 3 servants' bedrooms, 5 bathrooms.

OIL CENTRAL HEATING

MAIN ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER

GARAGE FOR 4 CARS WITH FLAT OVER

Beautiful well-established gardens and grounds.

SWIMMING POOL

ABOUT 7½ ACRES

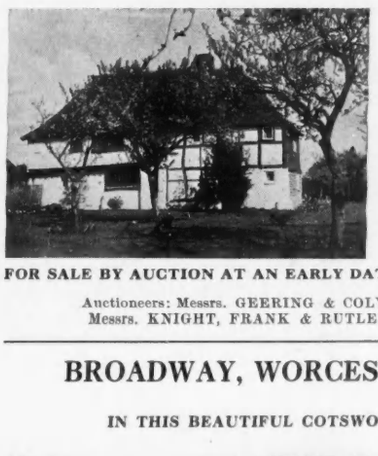
FOR SALE FREEHOLD AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICE

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (17,357 K.M.)

KENT. ASHFORD 4½ MILES

A CHARMING MODERNISED TUDOR FARMHOUSE

WALNUT TREE FARMHOUSE



HAVING EVERY CONVENIENCE.

3 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom. Main electricity and water.

Double garage.

COTTAGE WITH BATHROOM

Attractive walled garden.

Kitchen and fruit gardens with paddock.

IN ALL 4½ ACRES

FOR SALE BY AUCTION AT AN EARLY DATE (unless previously sold)

Auctioneers: Messrs. GEERING & COLYER, Ashford, and Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (50,718 K.M.)

BROADWAY, WORCESTERSHIRE

IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COTSWOLD VILLAGE

AN ATTRACTIVE OLD STONE-BUILT HOUSE (part about 400 years old) with many period features.

4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 bathrooms.

Main electricity, gas and drainage.

Garages for 2.

Stable.

Garden with lawn, fruit trees and greenhouse.

Paddock. In all

ABOUT 3 ACRES

FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (52,419 C.M.S.)

KENT AND SUSSEX BORDER

CLOSE TO STATION. LONDON 1 HOUR BY TRAIN

ATTRACTIVE MODERN HOUSE

Amidst delightful country.

3 reception rooms, domestic offices with Esse cooker, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. Main electric light.

Excellent water supply.

2 garages.

Easily maintained garden of **1¾ ACRES**

PRICE FREEHOLD £5,500

Sole Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (52,208 K.M.)

SOMERSET-WILTSHIRE BORDER

Wincanton 5 miles, Templecombe Junction 11 miles, Bristol 27 miles.

COMBEHILL HOUSE, BRUTON

A DELIGHTFUL REGENCY HOUSE occupying a picked site with extensive views.

3 reception rooms, 7 bed and dressing rooms, 3 bathrooms. Part central heating. Main electric light, power, gas and water.

Garages. Stabling.

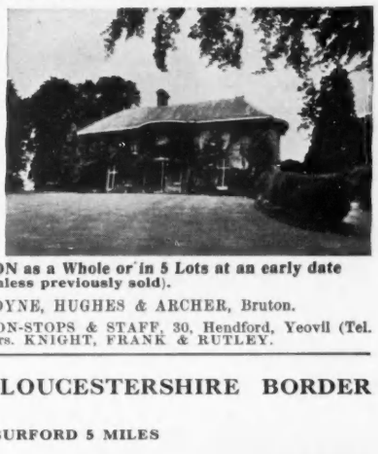
Modern cottage.

Detached lodge.

Attractive gardens, walled kitchen garden, accommodation land.

ABOUT 14 ACRES

VACANT POSSESSION



FOR SALE BY AUCTION as a Whole or in 5 Lots at an early date (unless previously sold).

Solicitors: Messrs. DYNE, HUGHES & ARCHER, Bruton.

Auctioneers: Messrs. JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF, 30, Hendford, Yeovil (Tel. 1066), and Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

OXFORDSHIRE-GLOUCESTERSHIRE BORDER

BURFORD 5 MILES

CHARMING QUEEN ANNE VILLAGE HOUSE in excellent order.

Hall with cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, modern kitchen.

Partial central heating.

Main electric light.

Good water supply.

Garage.

Barn, small, easily maintained garden.

PRICE £4,950

Inspected and recommended by KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (26,391 K.M.)

CLOSE TO HAMPSHIRE COAST

Occupying a delightful position on edge of unspoilt village.

WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK OF THE SEA

A charming Queen Anne house in first-class order, having every modern convenience.

4 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Automatic central heating.

All main services.

Tithe barn, garage for 2.

Cottage. Beautiful well-stocked garden, walled kitchen garden, paddock.

ABOUT 12 ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY. (37,197 K.M.)

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6, ARLINGTON STREET, ST. JAMES'S, S.W.1

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NORTH HAMPSHIRE

3½ miles from station. 9 miles from Basingstoke. COMPACT, FREEHOLD, BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED

RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ESTATE OF NEARLY 164 ACRES

SWAINES HILL MANOR, NEAR ALTON

LUXURIOUS MODERN COTSWOLD-STYLE HOUSE

faithfully reproducing an Elizabethan Country House.

700 ft. up and commanding magnificent all-round views.

6 principal bedrooms, 3 main bath., 3 reception, study, staff quarters with 3 bed., sitting and bath., model offices.

Central heating. Main electricity and water.

GARAGES FOR 4

STABLE BLOCK WITH FLAT OVER

EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL PLEASURE GROUNDS, hard and grass tennis courts, swimming pool, kitchen garden, and orchard.

CAPITAL ATTESTED FARM BUILDINGS
RICH MIXED FARMLAND
5 GOOD COTTAGES

(Vacant possession subject to service tenancies of cottages.)

FOR SALE BY AUCTION 13th OCTOBER NEXT (unless sold privately)

Solicitors: Messrs. ALLEN & OVERY, 3, Finch Lane, E.C.3.
Illustrated particulars from the Auctioneers: HAMPTON & SONS, as above.

VIRGINIA WATER

Beautiful situation bounded on three sides by the famous Wentworth Golf Course.

22 miles by road from London.

CHARMING MODERN FREEHOLD RESIDENCE

THE WOLDS Portnall Rise, Wentworth

Halls, cloakroom, 3 reception, 5 principal beds., 2 bath., 5 secondary beds. and modern offices. Oak floors and joinery.

Comprehensive central heating system.

Two garages.

Summerhouse. Sheds. Well-timbered pleasure grounds of about **3 acres.**

VACANT POSSESSION

FOR SALE PRIVATELY or by AUCTION OCTOBER 13 NEXT

By HAMPTON & SONS, as above, in conjunction with MRS. N. C. TUFNELL, Sunninghill and Ascot, Berks.

HAMPSHIRE

In the Stockbridge, Romsey, Salisbury triangle.

[CHARMING AND PICTURESQUE THATCHED PERIOD COTTAGE

Drove Cottage, Frenchmoor, West Tytherley.

Superbly modernised.

Lovely lounge-dining room, 2 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, kitchen with Aga and Agamatic.

Communicating staff annexe (or additional principal accommodation), living room, sitting room, bedroom.

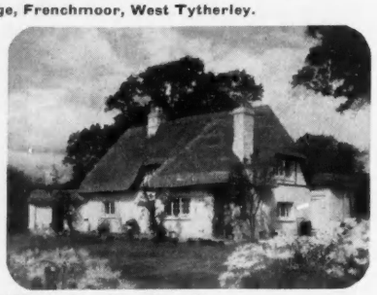
Central heating.

Main electricity.

Garage.

2 greenhouses.

Vacant Possession on Completion.



6½ ACRES (or less if preferred).

For Sale privately or by Auction in 1 or 3 lots, on OCTOBER 13 NEXT

Auctioneers: HAMPTON & SONS, 6, Arlington Street, St. James's, S.W.1

NORTH HAMPSHIRE

Between Winchfield and Wokingham. Station 4½ miles.

In wooded countryside 370 feet up.

CHARMING FREEHOLD COUNTRY PROPERTY

Great Copse House, Eversley.

5 main and 3 staff bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, cloakroom. Well appointed domestic offices.

Central heating.

Main water and electricity.

2 GARAGES

STABLING

BUNGALOW LODGE

Charming pleasure garden, orchards and kitchen garden. 2 paddocks, extensive woodland.

ABOUT 15 ACRES Vacant Possession.

For Sale by Auction on OCTOBER 6, 1954 (unless sold privately).

Auctioneers: Messrs. ALFRED PEARSON & SON, High St., Hartley Wintney and branches, and HAMPTON & SONS, as above.

BUCKS — BEDS BORDER

1 mile from station. Bletchley 5 miles. Leighton Buzzard 7 miles.

CHARMING DETACHED COUNTRY HOUSE

"Woodside House," Aspley Guise.

5 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, excellent domestic offices with staff sitting room.

All main services.

Central heating.

DOUBLE GARAGE

STABLING

Other useful outbuildings.

FRONTAGE LAND

Paddock. Pleasant garden.

Just over **3 ACRES**

FREEHOLD with Vacant Possession

For Sale privately or Auction in 1 or 3 lots on OCTOBER 27, 1954

Auctioneers: HAMPTON & SONS, 6, Arlington Street, St. James's, S.W.1.

BUCKS NEAR WINSLOW

and short motor run of main line station. One hour London.

A PICTURESQUE SMALL LUXURY HOUSE

In first-class order throughout.

Standing high in a small village and commanding a lovely view.

Hall, cloakroom, lounge (22 ft. by 17 ft.), dining room, 3 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 bathrooms, Aga and Trianco boiler.

Labour-saving. Main services. Central heating.

GARAGE

Gardens and paddock in all

2 ACRES

FREEHOLD FOR SALE

Rateable value £36.

APPEALING TO THOSE REQUIRING A SMALL HOME OF REFINEMENT

Apply: HAMPTON & SONS, 6, Arlington Street, St. James's, S.W.1. (B.58760)

IN THE ASHDOWN FOREST

8 MILES HAYWARDS HEATH

Superb situation with glorious views to South Downs and Chanctonbury Ring.

An unusual architect designed ultra modern Sun-trap Residence

extremely well appointed and in excellent order. Hall, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, sun room, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

First-class offices.

Complete CENTRAL HEATING

Main services.

GARAGE

BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS OF ABOUT 3 ACRES. FREEHOLD

Inspected and recommended by:
HAMPTON & SONS, 6, Arlington Street, St. James's, S.W.1. (C.64123)

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OSBORN & MERCER

28b, ALBEMARLE STREET, PICCADILLY, W.1

MEMBERS OF THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' AND AUCTIONEERS' INSTITUTES

WEYBRIDGE

A WELL-BUILT COUNTRY HOUSE ON HIGH GROUND, ABOUT A MILE FROM ST. GEORGE'S HILL GOLF CLUB

3 rec., 4 beds., 2 baths. and an excellent flat of 3 rooms, kitchen and bath. Main services, radiators.

Large garage and small inexpensive garden.

ONLY £4,850 FOR QUICK SALE

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HANTS, NEAR ALTON

Situate in a convenient position, near to the village and bus service.

AN ATTRACTIVE BRICK AND FLINT HOUSE

Standing high up with good views, and having south aspect.

3 reception rooms, 3-4 bedrooms, bathroom.

Part Central Heating. Main Electricity and Water.

Double garage and matured, well timbered garden of

ABOUT 1 ACRE

FREEHOLD ONLY £4,000

Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above. (20,523)

NEAR A BUCKS VILLAGE

On the fringe of lovely East Burnham Common, and the well-known Burnham Beeches.

A DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY HOME IN CHARMING WELL-TIMBERED GROUNDS

Lounge hall, 4 reception, 8 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms.

Main Services. Part Central Heating

COTTAGE, GARAGES, STABLING

FOR SALE FREEHOLD WITH ABOUT 8¼ ACRES

Sole Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above. (20,527)

A BARGAIN AT £4,250 OR OFFER

Northants.

In a village some 500 ft. up adjoining agricultural land.

CHARMING STONE-BUILT MANOR HOUSE

With hall, 4 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms (6 with basins, h. and c.,) 2 bathrooms, modern domestic offices.

All main services. Independent hot water.

EXCELLENT COTTAGE (at present let), GARAGE, STABLING

Matured garden of **ABOUT 1 ACRE**

Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above.

IN A VILLAGE NEAR AYLESBURY

CHARMING LITTLE PERIOD COTTAGE

Completely modernised and containing 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, breakfast room, bathroom, etc.

Part central heating, main electricity and water.

Brick and tiled Garage and Barns.

Delightful garden, orchard, kitchen garden, and paddock in all

ABOUT 2¾ ACRES

FREEHOLD ONLY £4,250

Agents: OSBORN & MERCER, as above. (20,517)

1, STATION ROAD, READING

READING 4441 (3 lines)

NICHOLAS

(ESTABLISHED 1882)

4, ALBANY COURT YARD, PICCADILLY, W.1

REGENT 1184 (3 lines)

BERKSHIRE—BETWEEN READING AND NEWBURY

450 ft. above sea level, in favourite village of Cold Ash, close to church (A.C.) and R.C. church.

A FINE COUNTRY HOUSE

of Lutyens character.

Enjoying privacy, yet not isolated. Buses to Newbury pass entrance lodge.

PANORAMIC VIEWS

HALL WITH CLOAKROOM, LOUNGE HALL, DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM, LIBRARY, KITCHEN WITH AGA, STAFF SITTING ROOM

8 PRINCIPAL BEDROOMS AND 3 BATHROOMS

On a separate floor are 5 secondary bedrooms, not at present used, and a 4th bathroom.

Complete modern central heating.

Main electricity. Main water.

EXCELLENT ENTRANCE LODGE

Beautiful, well-timbered grounds, orchard, paddocks, farmery.

IN ALL 28 ACRES

of which 15 acres are let.

FOR SALE FREEHOLD £10,000 OR OFFER

Recommended by the Sole Agents, Messrs. NICHOLAS (apply Reading Office).

Re the Rt. Hon. Margaret, Viscountess Dillon, dec'd.

EAST HAGBOURNE GRANGE, Near DIDCOT, BERKS

In favourite Berkshire village within a mile of Didcot, between Oxford and Reading.

3 large reception rooms, domestic office wing, 7 principal bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, staff bedrooms.

All main services.

ABOUT 3 ACRES

Ideal for conversion into 3 small houses or for institution purposes.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION DURING OCTOBER

Joint Auctioneers: Messrs. LOFTS & WARNER, 41, Berkeley Square, London, W.1 (Tel.: GROsvenor 3056); Messrs. NICHOLAS (apply Reading Office).

BY ORDER OF THE LADY ISOBEL GATHORNE-HARDY

BERKSHIRE

Within a mile of Bradfield College and 9 miles west of Reading, to which buses pass nearby.

AN ATTRACTIVE SMALL COUNTRY HOUSE

Part believed to be late 17th century

Hall with cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, maid's bed-sitting room and bathroom off, kitchen, 6 bed and dressing rooms all with basins.

A centuries-old thatched barn, 25 ft. by 17 ft. 6 in., as music room or study.

Main services. Radiators.

Old-world garden with tennis court and meadow (let).

In all **5 ACRES**

2 excellent cottages (one let).

FOR SALE FREEHOLD £7,900—open to offer.

16, ARCADE STREET, IPSWICH
Ipswich 4334

WOODCOCKS

30, ST. GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE, W.1
MAYfair 5411

LOVELY ISLE OF MAN

No death duties. Low income tax.

THIS BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED HOUSE enjoys views to Scottish coast and has 3 rec., 5 beds., bathroom, Aga, main services. Excellent buildings. **58 ACRES,** mostly grass. **£7,500 FREEHOLD.** 78-acre farm adjoining (let) if available. Seen and recommended.

WOODCOCKS, London Office.

BETWEEN

ALDEBURGH AND SOUTHWOLD

In heart of picturesque village, 2 miles sea.

PLEASANTLY SITUATED SMALL MANOR HOUSE. 3 reception, attractive up-to-date kitchen (Esse), 4/5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (h. and c.). Main electricity and water. Septic tank drainage. Phone. Charming garden, **¾ ACRE,** partly walled. Large brick garage, etc.

Most carefully maintained and in first-class order.

EARLY SALE REQUIRED

Details, photo of WOODCOCK & SON, Ipswich.

Of special interest to yachtsmen.

LYMINGTON

Views to Isle of Wight.

A UNIQUE SMALL LANDED PROPERTY OF 50 ACRES

With unusually designed **new residence,** 3 reception, cloaks, fine kitchen, 5 bedrooms with basins, 2 bathrooms. Main electricity and water. T.T. cowshed, piggeries, etc. Good cottage.

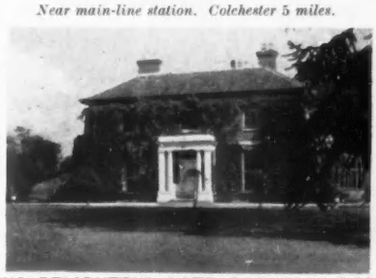
FREEHOLD £16,000

An exceptional property.

Inspected. Full details of London Office.

NORTH-EAST ESSEX

Near main-line station. Colchester 5 miles.



THIS DELIGHTFUL LATE GEORGIAN RESIDENCE, modernised and tastefully decorated. Cloaks, lounge hall, 2 reception, kitchen, 5/6 beds., 1/3 baths. Main electricity. Cow-house for 8, piggeries, cottage.

12½ ACRES in all, mostly grass. **FREEHOLD £7,000.**

VACANT POSSESSION

Strongly recommended by Ipswich Office.

GROsvenor 1553 (4 lines)

GEORGE TROLLOPE & SONS

(ESTABLISHED 1778)
25, MOUNT STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON, W.1

13, Hobart Place, Eaton Square, 5, West Halkin Street, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1

KILDALTON ESTATE, ISLE OF ISLAY

One of the most favoured isles off the West Coast of Scotland. Daily sea and air services.

RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND SPORTING ESTATE, 6,500 ACRES

KILDALTON CASTLE, lovely position with fine sea views, comprising 23 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms, fine suite of reception rooms; in excellent order.

Good water and electric supplies. Part central heating. Wooded grounds and policies, 96 acres.

ARDIMERSAY or HOME FARM, 1,530 ACRES, for DAIRY or STOCK

Attractive farmhouse and first-class ranges of buildings (T.T.), 2 cottages.

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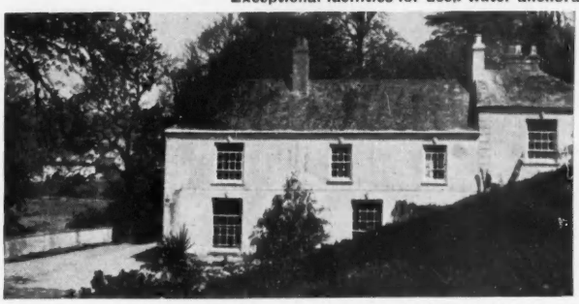

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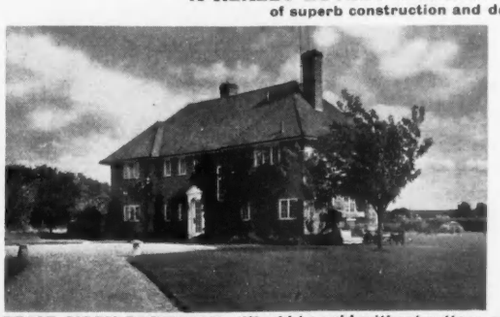

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In perfect order. Useful outbuildings. Cottage in excellent repair with 2 bedrooms.

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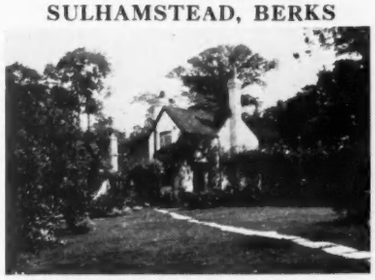
SULHAMSTEAD, BERKS



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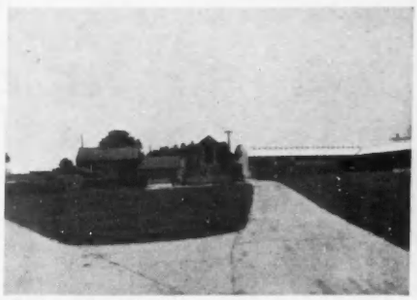

FOR SALE BY AUCTION (unless sold privately) LATE OCTOBER AT BANBURY

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Containing 3 reception rooms, 6 bed and dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms.

Ample buildings, secondary house and 4 good cottages.

171 ACRES

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IN ALL ABOUT 295 ACRES

ALMOST ALL WITH VACANT POSSESSION

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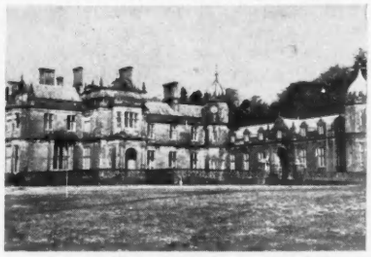

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On fringe of pretty, tranquil village near Crewkerne.

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Both house and cottage are stone-built and thatched.

Features include stone fireplaces, woodblock floors, beamed ceilings and mullioned windows. Residence itself contains lounge hall, oak staircase, 2 large reception rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom and large attic.

Main electricity, gas and water.

BARN/GARAGE

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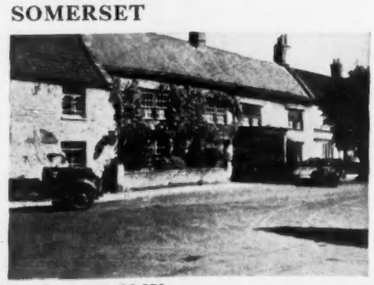

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GARAGE.

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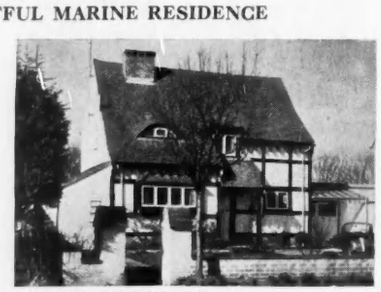

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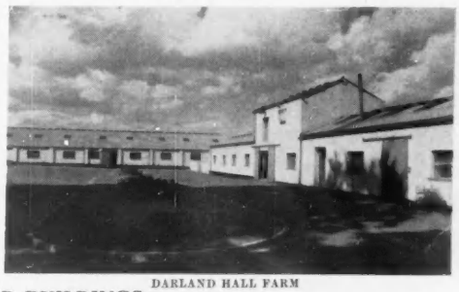

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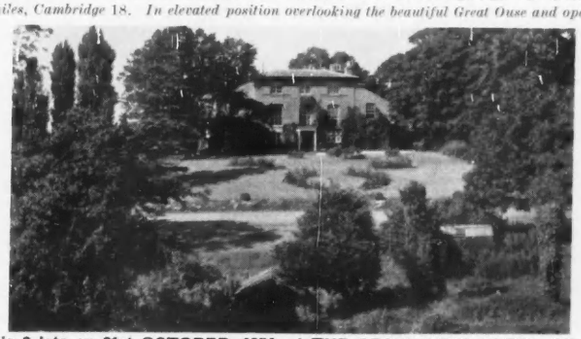

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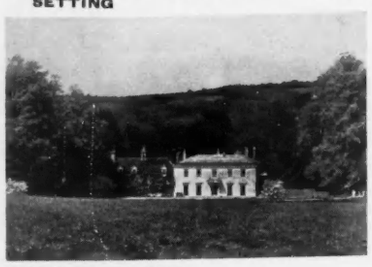

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Of exceptional historic and architectural interest and comprising old-world bar, lounge bar, lounge and snack bar, all with wealth of oak beams, panelled walls, original flagstone flooring, massive open hearth fireplace and Saxon doorway, etc.

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In a secluded position, less than ¾ mile station and shops. Lounge hall, 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 bathrooms.

Main services, central heating.

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in sheltered position below Bolt Head.

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First-rate decorative order throughout. Oil-fired central heating and hot water. Main electricity and water. Oak and pine floors.

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Charming formal gardens, kitchen garden and woodland. **IN ALL OVER 2½ ACRES**

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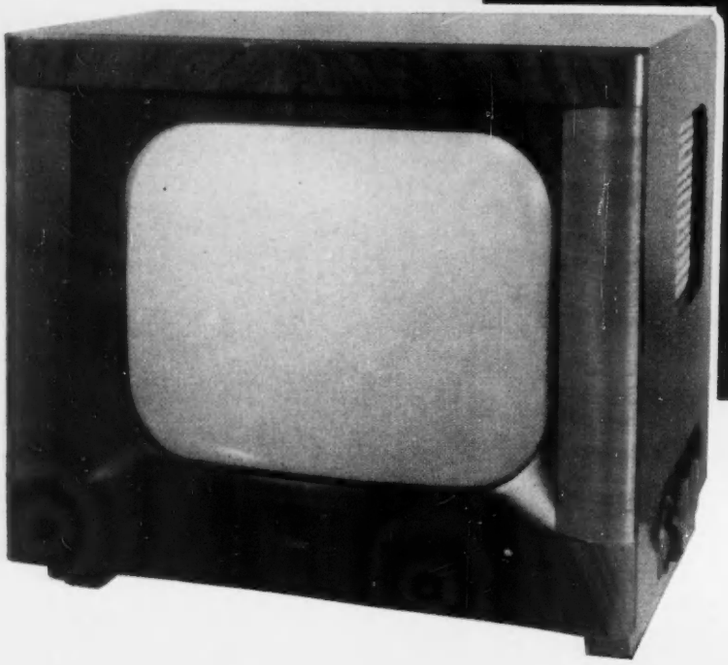

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PARISH COUNCILS

THE Conference of about a thousand parish councillors from all parts of the country which gathered in London last week to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of representative democracy in the rural parishes of England and Wales showed a becoming appreciation of the importance of their work and of their position in the hierarchy of local government. The Archbishop of York, who well remembers the mingled hopes, fears and suspicions with which parish councils were regarded when they came into existence nearly sixty years ago, told them that he did not in the least regret that some of the secular responsibilities of the Church had been transferred to the councils, who, if they had not done all that their most enthusiastic supporters suggested, had fully justified their creation. Members of the Conference must have enjoyed the tact and realistic flavour of Dr. Garbett's description of a typical parish meeting and its difficulties; of the man who feels it his duty to speak on every possible occasion, of the other who takes personal offence when his views are not accepted, of the troublesome members who sit silent in debate and then outside or in the village inn make the speeches they nearly made but didn't quite make during the meeting. These, however, are troubles common enough in all democratic assemblies, but, as the Archbishop said, it is better that there should be some waste of time and some ill-informed criticism than that the councils should consist of yes-men incapable of speaking out.

There was no lack of plain speaking at the Conference and no concealment of the fact that parish councillors think that as local government units their councils need more money and further powers if they are to discharge their duties effectively. Both Dr. Garbett and Mr. Attlee told them that the parish councils were the guardians of the villages and the countryside. That heritage was threatened and they had both seen many villages destroyed, swamped by the encroachment of neighbouring towns, disfigured by inappropriate new building, and marred by hideous advertisements, and their quiet banished by the roar of modern traffic oblivious of speed limits. Public opinion, as formed and expressed in the parish council, said the Archbishop, had a two-fold duty towards the village: it must both preserve its beauty and at the same time see that those who live in it have the essential advantages and amenities for health and education which are enjoyed by the townsman. For all these improvements the parish council must agitate, he said; its moral influence was far greater than its statutory power.

While this is undoubtedly true, the implication is certainly, in these days, a financial one, and it is hardly surprising that suggestions were made last week by the councillors that "parish councils should receive direct contributions of rateable value." Their legal obligations have been increasing for many years while their finances have dwindled; and about one-fifth of the country's parish councils now draw less than £5 from a penny rate. One resolution adopted by the Conference expressed the belief that it would make for better local government in rural areas if non-statutory county committees were established composed of nominated representatives of the three local government tiers for the purpose of ventilating difficulties and ensuring co-operation and understanding. This may somewhat disarm the critics who thought it odd that the more vocal of the parish councillors were also either district councillors or county councillors or sometimes both. But this is no doubt the reason why so much support was given to the county councils' unpractical call for the abolition of derating of agriculture and industry.

AUTUMN SEA

NOW the beach has gone back to the sea-bird
And the white wings are swooping the air,
There is spume on the sand from the sea-curd
That the wind bubbles here, everywhere.

All the sun-glare, the children, the laughter,
The white sails dipping outward and on,
Little waves tumbling after and after,
With the summer are gathered and gone.

Very clean-swept and quiet this sand-place
With the litter and noise passed away,
With brown emptiness where was no hand-space
From the crowding of picnic and play.

Now the tide-driven surf tosses only
For white birds and the treasure they seek,
And the beach is all lovely and lonely
With the autumn a tang on my cheek.

B. R. GIBBS.

THE ROMAN TEMPLE

AS we go to press, the fate of the Mithraic temple in the City is still uncertain. We hope it will be saved, partly for its own sake, partly because other discoveries may still be made on the same site, and partly as a salute to history by a too materialistic age. We must try to develop a consistent policy in these matters, a policy which is neither too sentimental nor too callous. The most stupid thing ever said by a great man was Henry Ford's "History is bunk." It is not bunk; it is accumulated experience, and the more people know about it the better. On the other hand the rebuilding of the City must obviously go on, and if contractors, as in this case, make unexpected archæological discoveries they must not be expected to foot the bill for radical alterations in their plans. It has been suggested that the Ministry of Works should be given wider powers. They already have the power, it should be remembered, to schedule any site as an ancient monument, and that should be enough. What would be more to the point would be to give them a much bigger grant, especially at a time when so much reconstruction is going on. They would thus be enabled to move more quickly than they have been able to do on this particular site. They are already conducting digging operations in forty different places, and they are to be commended for making their meagre funds go so far.

PROBLEM FOR TOWN GARDENERS

THERE were many points of interest to town gardeners in a recent lecture on air pollution and plant life given by Sir Edward Salisbury to the annual conference of the National Smoke Abatement Society. It will come as a surprise to many that the coating of grime which is so obvious on the upper surface of many leaves in industrial areas is at least equally dense on the lower side. It appears that grime does not so much settle on leaves as get blown on to them by the constant turbulence that is to be observed even on quite still days. The matter is of importance because the minute pores through which leaves breathe are in general more numerous on their undersides and become dangerously blocked by this grime. Many plants have a notable resistance to atmospheric pollution and most gardeners will agree that sycamore, plane, London pride and common purple iris are admirable in this respect. It is not so well known that the elder will survive long after many other shrubs have been killed or that the primrose, the hollyhock and the calceolaria are particularly sensitive. Coal gas is the greatest killer of house plants, and may be harmful at dilutions as low as one part to 400,000 of air—at which level the gas could certainly not be detected by the most sensitive nose. In mentioning the occasional beneficial effects of smoke, Sir Edward Salisbury failed to record the marked absence of certain fungal diseases, such as potato blight and apple scab, near industrial towns. This freedom is apparently due to sulphur impurities acting as a continual fumigant.

LAKE DISTRICT WOODS

IN 1936 the Forestry Commissioners came to an agreement whereby the 300 square miles of the central Lake District were ruled out altogether from afforestation by the Commission, who undertook not to acquire land within this central area. It would now appear that some relaxation of the agreement is necessary, and this fact is recognised—if not exactly approved—in the current report of the Friends of the Lake District. The trouble is that there are some private woodlands which, if they are not to become derelict, can be saved only by their owner's accepting replanting grants from the Forestry Commission, or entering into a dedicative covenant, which in effect means that the Commission will take over management. The Friends of the Lake District take the view that, though there is an obvious case for some relaxation of the full rigour of the agreement, nothing must be done to damage the character of the Lake District landscape. The Commission may be allowed, in the circumstances, to acquire existing private woodlands within the three hundred square miles, but where it does so it must adopt a planting policy which, instead of replacing the native hardwoods of the Lake District by the conifers which form 90 per cent. of the Commission's existing forest acreage, will continue the characteristic scene of mixed hardwoods. The current practice of using a certain proportion of conifers as nurse trees for hardwoods obviously forbids a too literal interpretation of this policy. Whether in the circumstances of to-day it is economically sound is another matter.

A RARE BAT

THE news that a specimen of Bechstein's bat (*Myotis bechsteini*) was found at Gloucester on September 17, following a record in Shropshire just over a year ago, has upset all previous ideas about the distribution of this rare species in England. Until 1953 all the known occurrences were confined to the Isle of Wight, Hampshire and the adjoining counties of Dorset, Sussex and Berkshire, from which fewer than a dozen specimens have been obtained. The New Forest has always been regarded as the main British habitat of Bechstein's bat, and one wonders whether it is gradually extending its range. It seems more probable, however, that isolated colonies have always existed in suitable woodlands (usually beech), at least in the southern half of England, and that failure to identify the species correctly is partly responsible for the lack of reliable records. Bechstein's bat can be recognised by its conspicuous ears, which are about three-quarters of an inch long. When laid forward they extend beyond the animal's muzzle for roughly half their length. Only one other species, the common long-eared bat (*Plecotus auritus*) has bigger ears, which measure one and a half inches from base to tip. Their comparatively enormous length almost equals that of the head and body combined; but whereas the ears of Bechstein's bat are quite separate, those of the long-eared are joined at their inner bases. A careful examination should prevent confusion between the two species. So little is known about the habits and distribution of our twelve native bats that it is difficult for the layman to assess their relative rarity; but the formation of the new Mammal Society of the British Isles, which was launched at Birmingham last April, should help to create a wider interest in the study of our neglected mammalian fauna.

ON THE WAY TO THE DOONE VALLEY: BADGEWORTHY WATER, EXMOOR *J. D. U. Ward*

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By **IAN NIALL**

THE prophets have been preening themselves—it has been a bad summer. No one can dispute them now. The St. Swithin school nods sagely and I cannot remember whether it rained for forty days or not. The oak-before-ash or other-way-round group have a what-did-I-tell-you air and only the we-shall-pay-for-this platitude has gone unsaid, because the sun has not shone long enough for anyone to put up a parasol. I'm not bitter about it. I just do not like weather prophets. I prefer to sum up my own weather, for I can excuse my own mistakes, but I have a grudge against the man who tells me I can have bright intervals when it turns out that the rain comes down like a belt of reeds, stiff and impenetrable. Now, when the wireless gives a forecast, I listen with a sour expression, asking the family, as others must ask, "Is this the best they can do?"

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THE wet summer has been bad for the bees as well as for harvest. Our local Honey Fair took place, but there was no honey to be offered for sale. In the garden the small weeds have grown as never before, groundsel and chickweed in particular, but oddly enough I do not think I have had to cut the grass quite so often during the summer, and now, up on the hills, the bracken is beginning to turn rusty weeks earlier than in a dry year. Growth depends on moisture and warmth and light. While nothing can grow without rain, lack of sunshine has a more drastic effect on most things than a low rainfall, for in a dry season plants put down longer roots in order to reach the moisture. Bracken thrives on stony, dry ground, but it does not make much progress in saturated soil. When the sun is absent the ground does not dry out and the bracken's life is shortened. This seems to have happened this year, at least on some of the slopes of the Welsh mountains. The fact that the bracken is a poor crop will worry few people except those who use it for bedding cattle. Their harvest will be small. Next year, if the summer is dry, the strength having gone back into the searching roots that spread under the turf, there will be an abundance of bracken. It is a pleasant sight when one does not have it at the end of one's garden or have to wade through it.

Some years ago I used to shoot over a farm that was practically one huge bracken patch. We had to wait for the bracken to decline and this took a long time in a dry, mild autumn. When the bracken died the going was always very rough, for the ground was riddled with warrens and those strands of dead bracken were a constant snare for the feet.

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IN spite of high expectations the bees have not supplied us with that bounty we so much hoped for last season. It is no wonder. The season has produced a disaster in the beekeeping world or something near to it, and some beekeepers may go out of business. Up on the moors a few sturdy colonies were sent out to collect honey from the heather, but even the heather seemed to have a shorter life this year from a honey-producer's point of view. The honey that has been stored looks like being for home consumption again—the time for taking it off is past. Small colonies have perished. We have lost two. Large colonies will need candy and English honey, where it is to be had, will be dearer, unless things have been better in other districts.

Between the long spells of rain the bees swarmed as usual, but the old values of May and June swarms were nonsense this year. One began to calculate the cost of keeping a swarm, for they have made little headway and will have to be helped along. When we were talking about this at the week-end it was remarked that the price of stock will go up. I have no doubt of that. Those who give up beekeeping will have to pay for new stock if they change their minds, but with a season such as we have had those who have packed away their things have been too badly stung to start again quickly. The land did not flow with honey this time and the recovery will not be in one season, no matter how many eggs a queen can lay. Once the country was full of fulminating farmers. Now we have bemoaning beekeepers, and not without reason.

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ONCE I saw a badger struck by a car and go crawling off into the hedge in the dark. I looked for him at the time, but could not find him. It seemed likely that he had managed to get into a blackberry bush beyond the hedge and, since I had no torch and it was a very black night, I had to give up the search. The following day I went up the road and found him lying in the bush. He was quite dead, having suffered frightful injuries. I judged him to be a very old one, or he would never have been so unwary as to wander across the road in the path of a car coming downhill with the clatter that some old farm cars make. I was sorry to see the badger meet his end in this way and yet, because of his age, his time was at hand. What happens when wild creatures grow old and die? One rarely sees an animal that has died of old age, but numbers must reach old age and crawl away somewhere to die.

I was talking about this to a friend and he remarked that he had found a badger while out with his dog in the company of the sons of a local farmer. The dog bristled and refused to go on and my friend at once called to him, for he saw the badger in a sleeping position at the top of a bank. Legend has it that a badger can snap a man's shin with his powerful jaws. Whether this is true or not, my friend warned the farmer's sons to keep back and cautiously approached the badger until he could touch it with his stick. At the slightest touch the sleeper rolled down the slope and came to rest against a tree. He

was in the long sleepthat is death, but his body was not completely cold. There was nothing to indicate that he had suffered injury, nor did he seem to have been poisoned. I was puzzled to hear about this, but could think of no explanation that would serve.

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TO shoot a pigeon it is best to go up wind and it is best to fish when there is a breeze at least to ruffle the water. If one is to keep watch on a fox one must be down wind. The wind had been sending rain clouds on over the country to the east with a satisfying urgency and we were searching for blackberries in the hedge at the roadside as we progressed slowly uphill when my attention was drawn to a fox less than fifty yards away. It was a beautiful red animal with a fine trailing brush and it came trotting out of a small wood. It was evident that it had not come out into the open by accident, for a moment later a second fox popped over the bank a little higher up the field.

The first to appear had now ventured out into the grass and sat on its haunches with its tongue lolling, looking like a red dog sitting among the thistles. It seemed to be hiding from its companion, a lighter coloured animal about three-quarters grown. The wind carried our scent away from the foxes and we were able to stand on the bars of a gate while we watched the one looking for the other. In a little while both foxes went back into the wood and began hunting the bank. I wondered if they were both youngsters or if one was an older animal showing the other the way to cut off young rabbits. The hunt went on for something like ten minutes and the pair worked their way along the wood. At one time both stopped and stared in our direction, but it was not until an old car came downhill that they finally slipped away into the shelter of the hazels beyond the bank. We were left wondering about their unusual behaviour. Foxes lie out in bracken and gorse on warm days, as everyone knows. They hunt the hedge, but mostly they keep out of sight until almost dusk. Perhaps it was a case of a youngster having a lesson, but on the other hand they could have been a pair of young ones escaping from the watchful vixen or dog and behaving like fools as small boys sometimes do.

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MY haste to retreat before the menace of goat-keepers may seem a little undignified, but retreat I must. The secretary of the British Goat Society takes me to task for my light-hearted remarks about goats having a smell. "The female goat has no objectionable smell at all," she tells me. "Nearly everyone who does not know goats who comes into our goat stable remarks on the lack of smell and how clean and attractive the animals look. Goats' milk is sweet and palatable and is the most easily digested of all milks and, while it is rich, the cream is very homogeneous and the curd is much softer than cows' milk and is easily digested by infants."

In desperation I look about for a means of escape. I hardly dare whisper a word about a male goat having a smell. I hesitate to say that he has even an air about him. In the distance I hear the thunder of attack. In the tail of my eye I have a glimpse of lowered heads coming towards me with the fearful rumble of the charge of a buffalo. This is no time to stand and ponder my rash words. The print had hardly dried before a friend sent me an urgent warning—a snippet from another page depicting a man wearing a milking gown and sitting in at the side of a she-goat. Is this you ? he asked. He was wrong. Already I had begun to run for my life with a full cry of goat-keepers at my heels and perhaps an escort on its way from the headquarters of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. I shall not mention goats again!

HOUSE MICE AND MEN

Written and Illustrated by **H. N. SOUTHERN**

HORACE called the house mouse *ridiculus mus*, but we should beware of laughing at a creature which has been so successful in following man about the world and in living and multiplying on the scraps that fall from his table. Pest and parasite though he is, the mouse has somehow sneaked into the affections of his host in a way that the rat could never achieve. We cannot avoid a sense of wonder and acclamation that this little creature flourishes so well behind our backs and vanishes so completely when we turn round.

To many people the house mouse and the field mouse are different creatures, but, in fact, the house mouse is almost as much at home in our fields as in our buildings. The long-tailed field mouse, or wood mouse, is quite a different animal, with large, nocturnally-adapted eyes and a dapper coat of greyish-ochre above and pure white below. It forces its way into our houses only occasionally—when we have apple stores to rob—and never makes its home in them, as the house mouse does. On the other hand, many of the mice that run about the cornfields and hedgerows are house mice, and all those that infest the farmyard and pullulate in the ricks are the same. They are greyer than the wood mouse and much darker on the belly; and one and all, whether of the wild grey type or white and pied like the numerous derivations which delight our children and minister to our medical research programmes, are cursed with the unmistakable stale smell.

In central Asia shorter-tailed and paler-bellied versions of our house mouse live permanently in the open steppes, and it is thought that the world's mice have all been derived from this source, following along the trade routes and living upon mankind's growing and stored crops. What are known as commensal strains—those which have largely abandoned a wild life for the shelter of our buildings—seem to have arisen independently in several parts of the world, but all of them are characterised by having longer tails and darker bellies. The one that we know so well appears to have been the most successful strain of all, since from a starting-point in Egypt and the Levant it colonised western Europe, then the New World, and, finally, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

House mice are often regarded tolerantly because of their neat and attractive persons, but there is no doubt that they cause us grave economic loss. In Russia they join with other species of small rodents in multiplying periodically to plague proportions in the dry steppes, where grain is grown. One scientist who studied the fate of the crowds of mice inhabiting hay stacks estimated that there were some 50 to 70 per cubic metre.

But house mice can do better than this. Two parts of the world which have been singled out for affliction are Australia and America. During the desperate plague that swept Australian wheatlands in 1916-17 the mice killed up to June, 1917, were estimated to weigh 544 tons, which probably means something of the order of 30 million individuals. One farmer put down some poisoned meat in his house overnight and in the morning counted 28,000 corpses, after which he tired of counting!

In California in 1926 about 11,000 acres of dried-up lake basin had been planted with maize and barley. Here mice and voles increased to such an extent that by November they had eaten up their food and cover and the mice then began three tremendous waves of emigration. The numbers killed showed that the original density before they started to move must have been about 17 to the square yard, or 80,000 to the acre. These measurements give us some glimpse into the predicament of the Philistines

A HOUSE MOUSE APPROACHING A PILE OF BAIT. It can be seen how the tail is used as a balance when the mouse is running. (*Right*) HOUSE MOUSE FEEDING AT A PILE OF BAIT

SACKS OF OATS IN A BULK FOOD STORE NIBBLED INTO BY HOUSE MICE. The residue of fine dust, or kibblings, is typical of the way in which mice eat. (*Right*) CHAFF AND GRAIN WHICH HAS BLED OUT OWING TO FEEDING MICE ACCUMULATING AT THE BASE OF A STACK OF OAT SACKS

when they were visited by the first recorded mouse plague.

Outbreaks such as these fortunately do not occur in Great Britain. Nevertheless, the damage to our economy cannot be small. The most spectacular numbers of mice are found in corn ricks, where small handfuls which enter them in the late summer, shortly after they are built, can reach a really high density by the following spring. I have studied many of these infested ricks in the course of trying to devise methods of control and I know the kind of numbers that can live in a given space. Any estimate of the success of a poisoning experiment had to be based on a count of live and dead mice found at threshing, so I attended many threshings and had to be pretty spry to make sure that no mice escaped me, even when the rick had been surrounded by a mouse-proof fence.

Wheat ricks are generally the worst and I remember one large one near Oxford which yielded over 2,000 mice. I had the impression during threshing that I was heading for a record with this rick, but even so it surprised me to find that the poisoned ones, which I had collected in a separate sack, alone weighed two stone. Any farmer might well be astonished if he could realise that animals equivalent to two or three large dogs were living on his grain. Actually mice would be worse than this, because little creatures need more food relatively than large ones, and much of the grain is spoiled.

It is instructive to examine the bags of tail corn and dust during threshing. In a clean rick tailings consist almost entirely of undersized grain and the dust consists of weed seeds. In a mouse-infested rick tailings are abundant and consist of half-eaten grains and droppings; the dust of smaller particles (kibblings) of bitten grains and masses of droppings. I knew two oat ricks of the same size and from the same crop : one of these was threshed shortly after harvest and yielded 107 sacks of good corn and four of tailings; the other was threshed in the following July and yielded 99 sacks of good corn and 14 of tailings.

A corn rick, of course, must be a mouse's idea of heaven : no chill winds, no enemies and

PILES OF CHAFF FROM EATEN GRAIN PUSHED TO THE ENTRANCES OF MOUSE RUNWAYS IN AN OAT RICK. (*Right*) A DILAPIDATED RICK RIDDLED WITH MICE

OAT SHEAVES DAMAGED BY MICE SEEN AS THEY ARE BEING EXPOSED DURING THRESHING

food *ad libitum* ! A colleague of mine examined many house mice collected from ricks and proved that they were breeding almost at the maximum possible speed; many of the nests were communal, since they contained litters of different sizes. This easing of natural selection in a rick population allows many colour varieties and mutants to survive, which would otherwise quickly perish. One of my biggest shocks was to discover running about one rick two pink objects, which proved to be completely hairless except for revoltingly prominent eyelashes and vibrissae. These mice were not diseased, but owed their being to a hereditary factor not unknown in domestic white mice. Normally they would not have had any hope of surviving more than a few days out of the nest.

Stored grain can be almost as badly attacked by mice as that in the rick, and some of the depots maintained by the Ministry of Food during the war developed some spectacular populations. Bulk stores of oats in sacks were the most vulnerable, because the mice tore holes in the sacks not only to get at the grain, but also because they needed nesting material. Consequently the oats bled out and frequently an enormous stack of oat sacks would suddenly collapse in the middle. This meant great waste of time and labour pulling down the stack and rebagging the oats, quite apart from the loss of grain.

But, leaving aside these large concentrations of mice where food is stored, the small populations in our houses, shops and stores must, if we consider the whole country, cause a large loss each year. The food actually eaten is probably less than what is damaged and soiled: in many grocers' stores it is a common sight to see sacks of cereals pillaged, jam pots opened, cheese burrowed into, even candles gnawed. If mice are thirsty, they will nibble and spoil choice fruit, such as grapes or peaches. I even heard of one ingenious mouse which pulled the drinking-straws out of school-children's milk bottles to lick off the milk.

Mice can cause as much trouble in searching for nest material and in gnawing their way from place to place as in seeking food. I once found a drawer ajar in which were the remains of a pair of silk stockings which had been shredded up, and on another occasion a large chamois leather bitten to pièces. In one dwelling mice used to come to a room through a hole in the back of a cupboard so situated that they had to drop about a foot and could not return that way. They therefore bit their way underneath the door through an expensive fitted carpet. This was repaired and redamaged once or twice before the owner tumbled to what was happening.

Familiar as we are with house mice in our buildings, we must not forget that they can live in the fields as well. In fact they have been trapped right away from houses on some of our off-lying islands—the Hebrides, the Isle of May and so on, though their reported extinction on St. Kilda since the human population left suggests that they may ultimately be dependent on man. Nevertheless, house mice are not uncommon in the fields of ordinary arable country. With a colleague I once carried out a series of trappings in fields near Oxford through a complete year, and we discovered that the house mouse was the third commonest small mammal, outstripped only by the wood mouse and the bank vole. It was admittedly commonest near ricks or rick sites, but was also caught right away from ricks, and there it fell in with the habits of the wood mice and voles in having a summer breeding season. In ricks, of course, breeding goes ahead at any season.

Certainly these feral house mice never penetrate into woodland. I have done too much live trapping of small rodents and examined too many tawny owl pellets from woodland to be in any doubt about this. On the other hand, we should expect in view of the trapping results mentioned above to find house mouse remains in the pellets of field-hunting owls like the barn owl. I think that in Great Britain we just have too few results yet of this kind. In Germany, however, Uttendörfer quotes three collections of barn owl pellets in which over 50 per cent. of the prey remains were of house mice.

Eradication and control of house mice present many difficulties on account of their ubiquity, their small range of movements and the tiny amounts of food which will keep them going. It is probably true to say that for small populations the ordinary break-back trap is still the best weapon. But it must be kept in good working order and set carefully at right angles to walls and runways; furthermore, it is far more effective to use twenty traps for one night than one trap for twenty nights.

Poisoning mice can be done successfully, but needs a good deal of understanding of mouse habits. Inefficient poisoning can be worse than useless, because if mice have only a taste of the bait and recover after being ill, they will hardly ever eat that bait again during the rest of their lives. However, some of the new anti-blood-coagulant baits avoid this particular difficulty. Nevertheless, in badly infested bulk stores it is often more satisfactory to resort to the more expensive method of fumigation to destroy the mice.

All these methods, however, serve only to keep the mouse populations down to reasonable limits. Widespread extermination seems as far off as ever, and, indeed, if it suddenly became practical, there are many people who would miss the squeak and scamper behind the wainscot and the little darting shape that distracts us from our lucubrations.

EXPERIMENTAL GAS-PROOF COVER USED FOR DESTROYING THE MICE IN A CORN RICK WITH CARBON DIOXIDE

A DUCAL HUNTING DOG

By S. M. LAMPSON

THE dog-loving Englishman generally prides himself on being one from whom no matter of importance in canine lore is concealed. When a previously unknown breed of dog makes its appearance in this country the first reaction of the average person with an interest in canine matters is one of shocked surprise at his own ignorance; the second, curiosity to know more of the history, purpose, character and appearance of the strangers. Such newcomers as the Weimaraner generally make their first appearance at a dog show of national importance—generally Cruft's—where they get photographed and written up by the national Press. This burst of publicity results in quite a number of people seeing the newcomers and forming a superficial opinion of them, but, since no show lasts more than two days, the newcomers can have but a brief while in the limelight, and their sponsors have much hard work to do before any breed, however charming and intelligent, is accepted by the dog-loving public and given official status by the Kennel Club.

At the last Cruft's Show, held in 1953, the canine novelties were the Weimaraners, of which about eleven specimens were entered. Since then the breed has made some progress and there are now about three score representatives of the breed in this country—some imported and some bred here. The question now arises whether the Weimaraner breed will go forward and become a familiar figure in our homes, in the field and at obedience-trials, or will he, for a while, remain a canine curiosity and then, within a decade, fade away? It is always difficult, if not impossible, to prophesy what will catch on, and the Weimaraner awaits the judgment of public opinion in general and that of the shooting man in particular.

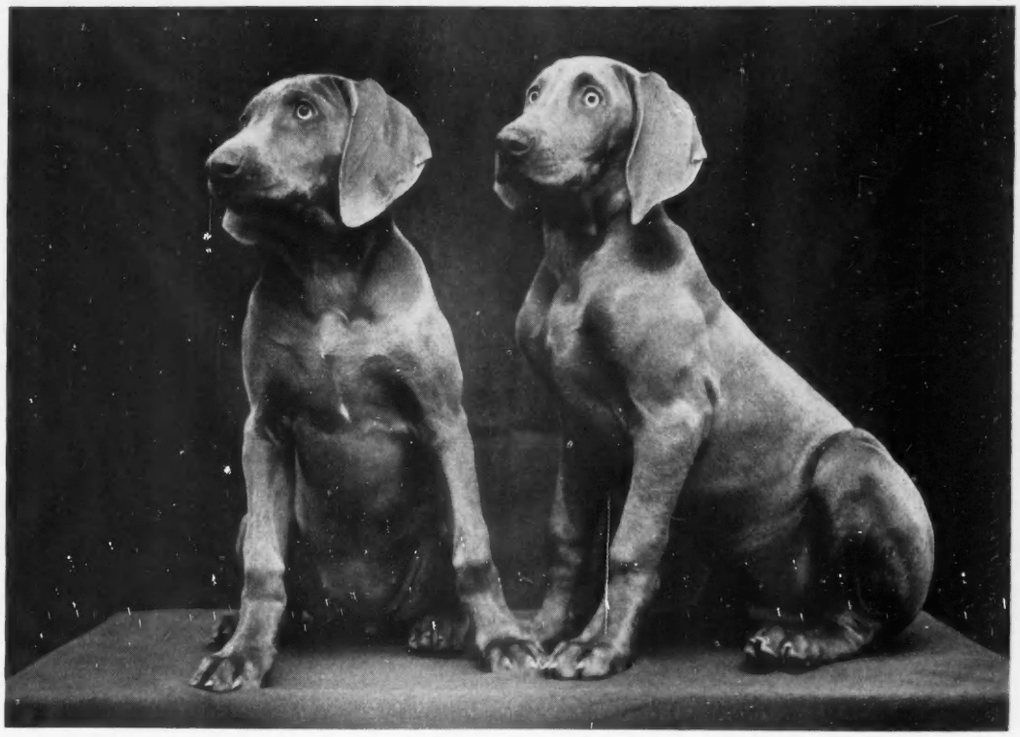
The Weimaraner, as its name implies, originated in the ducal kennels of the state of Weimar. The ancestors of the breed before 1820 are wrapped in mystery, but there is a legend that a pair of these curious-looking dogs came into the ducal kennels as part of the dowry of a Russian bride of one of the dukes. The dukes of Weimar appear to have valued their dogs highly as shooting and tracking dogs, and bred them for several generations, and only a few specimens were given away and then only to members of the court. Later, as feudal boundaries broke down and transport increased, the breed became known over a wider area of Germany, where it gained a certain popularity, but never became widely known. Nevertheless, the breed had its own club, which, with Teutonic thoroughness, controlled all breeding operations and insisted that only dogs and bitches with working abilities should be bred from, and puppies that did not come up to standard in either physical or mental attributes should be destroyed. All exportation was forbidden, even though there does not seem to have been any desire, at this period, on the part of any but Germans to own these dogs. It was 1939 before Mr. Howard Knight, an American, became interested in the breed, and got permission to send five specimens to the U.S.A., where they founded a line and aroused some interest. When the war ended it became easier to purchase German dogs, and American troops stationed in Germany managed to buy further specimens and ship them to America, where they were enjoying quite a vogue as bird-dogs as well as trackers and obedience workers. The average number of annual registrations with the American Kennel Club rose to the 3,000 mark in recent years. It is mostly by way of the United States and through members of its forces stationed in this country that the Weimaraner has come to England.

There is certainly something unusual about the appearance of the Weimaraner: it resembles no other breed of dog. The slate-blue of the coat, the grey nose and yellow eyes may or may not be considered attractive, and have earned the breed the nickname of the Grey Ghost. This colouring gives the animal an odd appearance, and to those who, in dealing with some other breeds, have always considered that the appearance in a litter of grey or blue puppies with light eyes is a sign of degeneracy and probably the result of excessive in-breeding, it seems strange to be asked to admire an animal with this colouring.

It is certain that the Weimaraner was originally used as a shooting dog; in fact, he has often been referred to as the Weimaraner pointer, and there is no reason to doubt that he can be an excellent worker in the field; but whether his talents are exactly what is required in this country only experience will prove. It may be that, if the brains and instincts of the Weimaraner are as highly developed as they are claimed to be, it will be possible to turn him into the type of gundog the Englishman requires, since the work of a shooting dog on the Continent and in the United States differs considerably from our needs.

It is questionable whether we in this country will appreciate the rules and stipulations of the recently formed British Weimaraner Club, which has taken a leaf out of the book of the German breed-clubs by making rules which interfere with the freedom of choice of its members in their breeding and business operations. The British Weimaraner Club will not allow its members to sell puppies except to members of the club, thereby doubtless increasing its membership, but producing a suspicion that it favours the methods of the German *Koerung*; whereas breeders of pedigree stock in this country have built up their individual reputations on the skill with which they have planned the matings and reared and disposed of their own stock.

Since the Weimaraner has not yet been accepted by the Kennel Club and given a register of its own, it naturally has not got a recognised British standard, and those interested in the breed are recommended to refer to the very detailed standard laid down by the Weimaraner Club of America, from which the following are the outstanding points. General appearance: a medium-sized grey dog with light eyes, the Weimaraner should present a picture of great driving-power, stamina, alertness and balance. Above all, the dog should indicate ability to work in the field. Height at the withers: dogs 25 to 27 inches, bitches 23 to 25. The head must be moderately long and aristocratic with moderate stop; the measurements from tip of nose to stop to equal that of stop to occipital bone; the neck clean cut and moderately long. The expression should be kind, keen and intelligent. The ears, long and lobular, are slightly folded and set high on the head, and, when drawn down alongside the jaw, should end approximately two inches from the point of the nose. The eyes are to be of shades of light amber, grey or blue-grey, and set well enough apart to indicate a good disposition and intelligence. The nose should be grey. The body should have a strong back of moderate length, sloping slightly from the withers. The chest should be well developed with deep shoulders, well laid on: the ribs well sprung and long; the brisket should drop to the elbow. The coat is short, smooth and sleek, in shades of mouse-grey to silver-grey, usually blending to a lighter shade on head and ears. The forelegs are straight and strong, while the hindquarters have well angulated stifles and straight hocks. The feet are firm and compact, with well-arched webbed toes and thick, closed pads. The tail is to be docked so that it measures approximately six inches at maturity, and should be carried in a manner expressing confidence and sound temperament. Of the gait, the standard continues, the walk is rather awkward: the trot should be effortless, and should indicate smooth co-ordination. One asks oneself why, if a dog is soundly built and capable of an effortless trot, his walk need be awkward, but perhaps this is the carping criticism of the as yet unconverted.



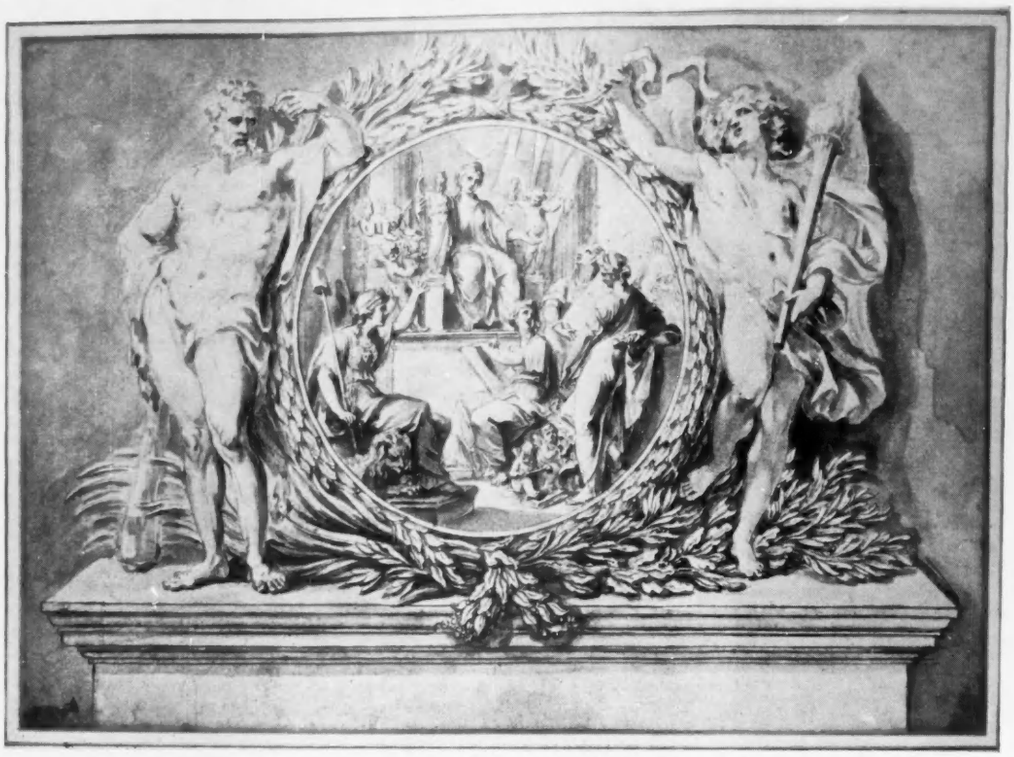
WEIMARANER PUPPIES, A BREED FROM GERMANY THAT IS STILL LITTLE KNOWN IN THIS COUNTRY

COLLECTORS' QUESTIONS

FOR THE ROYAL ACADEMY

***I ENCLOSE a photograph of a water-colour drawing in my possession on which I should be pleased to have your opinion. It was brought from Italy about 100 years ago. Any information you can send me will be much appreciated.*—JESSIE KENNEDY (*Mrs.*), The Seaview, 2768, Satellite-street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.**

On the foundation of the Royal Academy in 1768 Cipriani, who was nominated a member by George III, was asked to prepare a design for the new diploma to be presented to members and associates, and this is evidently the drawing submitted by him. It was engraved by Bartolozzi, and has continued to be used since then as the head-piece for the diploma. In the circle, the figures to the right symbolise the arts, and the one to the left represents the British Constitution holding the cap of liberty. Cipriani's son is said to have later presented the drawing to the Marquess of Lansdowne, and in 1806 it is believed to have passed into the collection of George Baker. Whether Cipriani made other preliminary drawings for the diploma is uncertain, but this would seem to be the original.



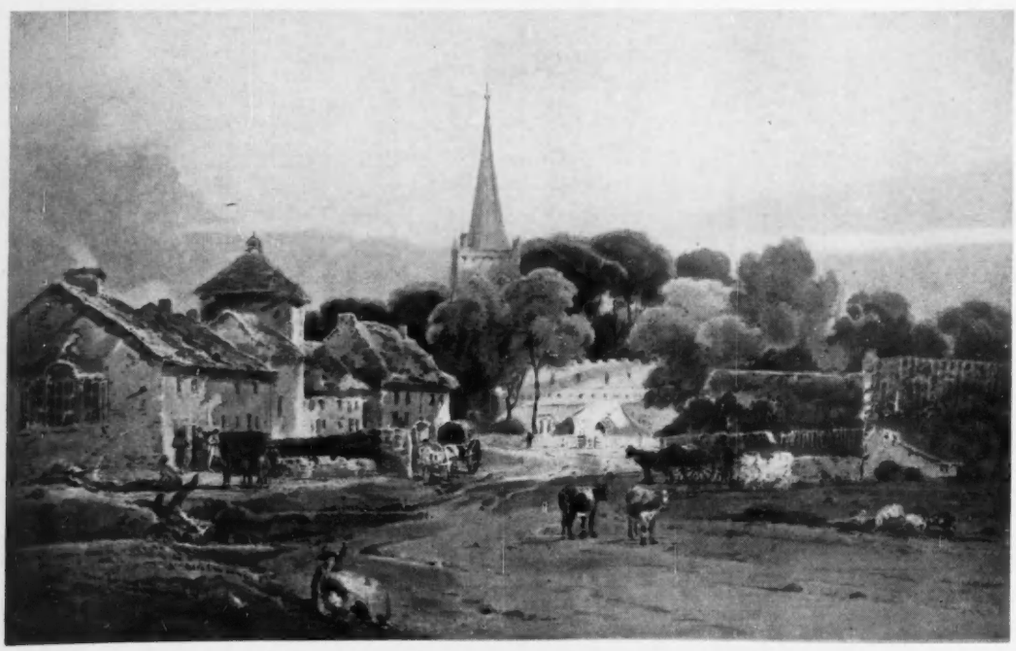
WATER-COLOUR DRAWING BY CIPRIANI FOR THE DESIGN FOR THE HEAD-PIECE OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY DIPLOMA

See question: For the Royal Academy

A GIRTIN WATER-COLOUR

***It would be of great interest to us to know if any of your readers can throw a light on the subject of the water-colour drawing by Thomas Girtin, of which a photograph is enclosed. The drawing is catalogued in the collection of the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, as "Godalming Church," but it has been satisfactorily established that this is in fact not the correct title, although no one has put forward an alternative suggestion as to the location of the church and river.*—MARGARET PILKINGTON, *Hon. Director*, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester.**

Enquiries that we have made have not been successful in identifying the church and village depicted in the water-colour. The cottage on the right appears to have a pantile roof, and this may point to the east of England, but the type of tower with twin belfry windows and spire is uncharacteristic of Norfolk and Suffolk. The east Midlands may be suggested as the likeliest region and Yorkshire has been considered. The drawing may have been made on the tour to the north of England in 1796. The church is one with south aisle and clerestory, both of them battlemented; there is a south porch, and square-headed windows in the south aisle are indicated. In the group of buildings on the left there is what appears to be a dovecote, which, if it still exists, should afford a clue.



WATER-COLOUR BY THOMAS GIRTIN OF AN UNIDENTIFIED CHURCH AND VILLAGE. AT THE WHITWORTH ART GALLERY, MANCHESTER

See question : A Girtin Water-colour

FREDERICK III ALIAS II

I have a picture whose title "Frederick the third king of Prussia," seems to contradict itself. He reigned for less than a year in 1888; yet the picture is an engraving of one painted at Berlin by Schodwicki in 1776. Moreover, it was published and engraved by J. K. Sherwin, "Engraver to his Majesty and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," on September 1, 1784. Am I right in thinking that this title is a mistake of a first publication?

The engraving shows a man with a pinched face and large nose riding a horse towards the left of the picture. He has a three-cornered hat, and his right hand is laid on some sort of rest. He wears a large star on his left breast, and sits astride a heavily embroidered saddle. There is a tree in the right background.

***I should be grateful if you could confirm my presumption that the title should be Frederick the Second and also if you could tell me something of the artist Schodwicki.*—C. J. N. TOD, Bryanston School, Blandford, Dorset.**

The portrait described is that of Frederick II of Prussia (1712-1786), more usually known as Frederick the Great. He was preceded as King of Prussia by his grandfather, Frederick I, and by his father, Frederick William I (1688-1740). This sequence of names led to his being sometimes erroneously styled Frederick III on a few contemporary engravings, and even in the biography by Joseph Towers, published in 1788. The portrait was painted in 1776 by Daniel Nicolaus Chodowiecki, a Polish artist, and the engraving was made by John K. Sherwin some years later. Frederick the Great, who was portrayed by the artist on horseback at the spring manoeuvres of his army, was then

an elderly wizened man, careless in his dress and neglectful in his person, although his glance is said to have remained lively and penetrating until the end. Chodowiecki's portrait has been frequently engraved and reproduced, and probably numerous impressions of Sherwin's engraving are still in existence.

EARL HOWE'S VICTORY

***I enclose a photograph of a coin or token which has been picked up, and shall be interested to hear if it is known to other readers and what precisely was the object of its issue. It is slightly smaller than a modern penny, which it otherwise resembles. On the other side is the inscription "King and Constitution" and the date 1704 beneath a crown and sceptre. As will be seen, it is in very good state, not at all worn.*—M. WIGHT, Thelwall, Overbury-road, Hereford.**

This is a medal struck to commemorate Lord Howe's victory of the Glorious First of June. Another version of this commemoration medal, by the medallist Barnett, shows on the reverse the figure of Britannia receiving the trident from Neptune, who is standing in his car, and ships of the Fleet filling the background.

The date on the medal should read 1794, not 1704. It was on June 1, 1794 that Lord Howe in command of the Channel Fleet met

OBVERSE OF A MEDAL STRUCK TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE

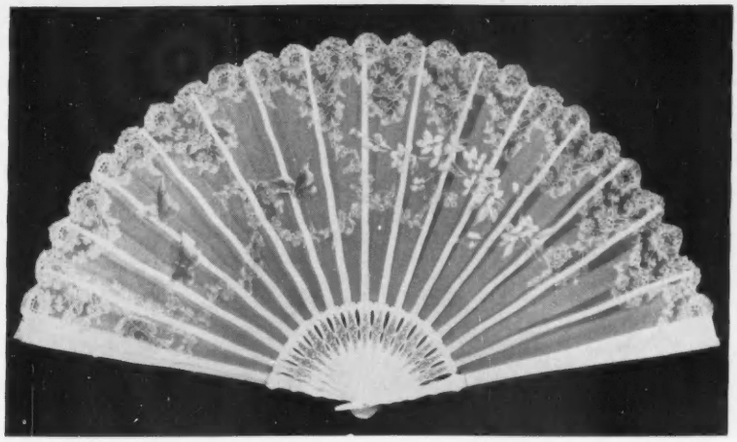
See question : Earl Howe's Victory

and defeated a French force under Villaret-Joyeuse. He had been created Earl Howe in 1788 and in 1797 he was made a Knight of the Garter.

TWELVE MONTHS OF FLOWERS

***Can you tell me anything about a man named Furber who produced twelve flower prints, one for each month of the year? Are they obtainable now?*—E.S.**

In 1730 Robert Furber, a nurseryman of Kensington, published what was in effect a sale catalogue containing twelve hand-coloured folio plates illustrating arrangements of flowers according to the months in which they bloomed. The plates, known as *Twelve Months of Flowers*, were engraved by Henry Fletcher after drawings by Pieter Casteels, a Flemish artist then living in London. Near each flower was a small number by which it could be identified by reference to a key, and it was from these plates that clients were supposed to make their selections. To the second edition of 1734 Furber added a descriptive text entitled "A Flower Garden for Gentlemen and Ladies; being the art of raising flowers to blow in full perfection in the depth of winter in a bed-chamber, closet or dining-room." The secret of success, apparently, lay in using Thames water instead of rain water. So popular were the plates that they were re-engraved in reverse some years later on a smaller scale and republished by Robert Sayer. Furber issued a companion set of plates, *Twelve Months of Fruit*. Both sets are rare and would probably be difficult to find.



VICTORIAN FAN WITH APPLIED LACE MOTIFS, PROBABLY WORKED BY MACHINE

See question : Lace Fans

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

***I enclose a photograph of a tapestry which hangs at my mother's home. It is a large piece, and I am informed that it is French, about 1500, that it is one of a series and depicts the Fountain of Life. We should be grateful for any further information about it you can give, in particular as to the interpretation of the Fountain of Life myth during the late mediæval period in France.*—PHILIP CRAGGS, Wood Close, Grasmere, Westmorland.**

We submitted the photograph to the Keeper of the Department of Textiles at the Victoria and Albert Museum, to whom we are indebted for the following information:

"So far as can be judged from the photograph, the tapestry is more likely to have been woven in Flanders, and very probably at Tournai, than in France. It may be dated within the first twenty or thirty years of the 16th century. The subject is interesting and unusual in tapestry, but it is difficult to be certain whether it depicts the Fountain of Life or the Four Rivers of Paradise, two symbolic ideas, based on passages in *Genesis*, that were closely related.

"The iconography of this theme in mediæval art is reviewed in Emile Mâle's three volumes on religious art. Fountain symbolism, as it occurs in the work of Hieronymus Bosch, who was contemporary with this tapestry, is discussed by Wilhem Fraenger in *The Millennium* (1951-2)."

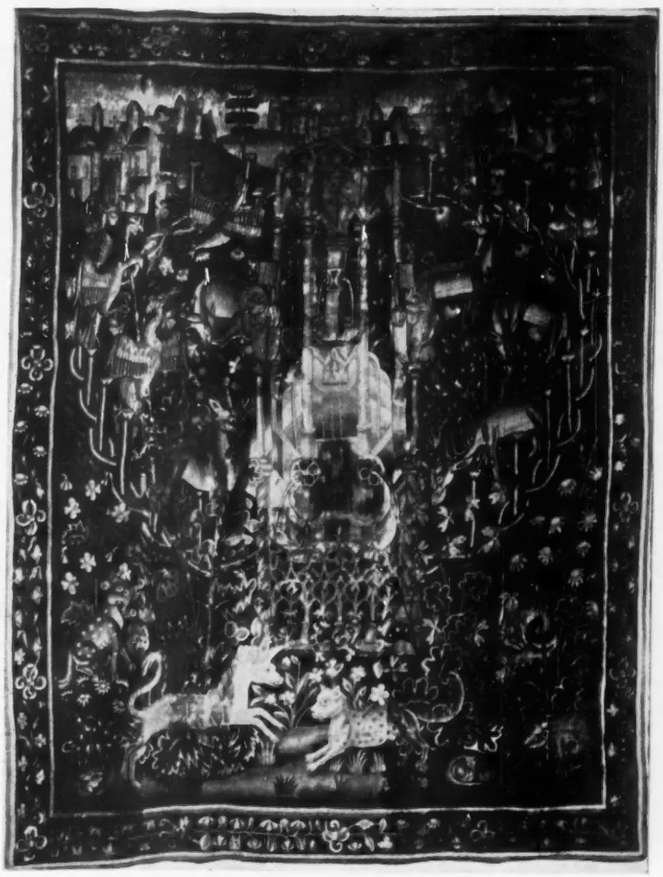
LACE FANS

***I enclose photographs of two fans that were given to me about 1885 and which I have lately had mounted and framed. Are they of any special kind of lace? So many friends ask me. They are very much admired.*—HELEN ROTHERHAM, 2, Hamilton-terrace, Leamington Spa.**

Fan mounts in which machine-worked motifs were hand-applied to a machine-woven ground such as fine cambric were fashionable during the mid-Victorian period, particularly after the invention of the Livesey machine about 1850. The method had been in use, however, from about 1830: the lace wedding dresses of Queen Victoria and Queen Alexandra were made by this method. The applied motifs were invariably hand-made in this connection until about 1860. After that date enough variation was made in the design of the motifs for hand-made work to be at once apparent.

To distinguish between hand-made and machine-made lace is not at all easy except by touch. But in each of these fans the motifs so closely resemble each other that it is reasonable to assume that they have been cut from lace woven on a curtain machine. By 1880 more than three thousand of these machines were operating in Nottingham. We reproduce one of the fans, a very pretty example.

Questions intended for these pages should be addressed to the Editor, COUNTRY LIFE, 2-10, Tavistock-street, W.C.2, and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed for reply. A photograph or a careful drawing is often helpful, but in no case should originals be sent. Not more than two questions should be submitted at one time. It is regretted that estimates of market values cannot be given, nor is advice offered to readers about ways and means of disposing of their possessions.



PANEL OF TAPESTRY, PROBABLY WOVEN AT TOURNAI EARLY IN THE 16th CENTURY. The subject is either the Fountain of Life or the Four Rivers of Paradise

See question : The Fountain of Life

HEIR OF THE ROMANS

By J. WENTWORTH DAY

THE cottage, boarded and one-storeyed, sits in a garden of plum trees and great elderberries. Roses climb over rose-red tiles and a vine shades the tiny windows which gaze to the flat loneliness of the sea. The saltings, grey with sea-salt, come up to the garden palings, scarce fifteen feet from the front door. For this tiny cottage lies on the seaward side of the sea-wall, the North Sea at its front door and the crumbling wall of a great Roman fort at the back door.

A humble home of history, for overshadowing it are the gaunt walls of what has been called the oldest cathedral in Britain—the chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall. Built by Bishop Cedd, Bishop of the East Saxons 1,300 years ago, from the stones of the almost vanished Roman fort of Othona, a stronghold of the Count of the Saxon Shore, it gazes seaward bleakly, like a sightless, grey old man. About it, in the bleached grasses, the foursquare foundations of the great Roman fort still show where the sea-blite grows and the sea wind whistles in the grasses.

To-day the old chapel is a long, earthen-floored, dim-lit hall with nothing to hide the gaunt stone of its walls or the silvered oak of its beams and only a wooden altar, a few rush-bottom chairs, small painted statues and a pile of prayer-books to tell you that this lonely outpost of history is still a House of God.

A jury, in 1442, found that this Capella de la Val, or St. Peter-ad-Murum, had a chancel, nave and small tower, but since then it has been burned out, left in ruins, used as a beacon tower for Stuart seamen, a smugglers' haunt in Georgian days, a cattle shed in Victoria's reign, an orderly-room during the 1914-18 war and now, once again, a place of worship, re-roofed and re-consecrated.

Each year an impressive number of pilgrims take their way, in the sweet days of spring and the warm days of summer, from the remote Essex village of Bradwell-Juxta-Mare by the path across the cornfields, under dove-murmurous elms, to this, the loneliest outpost of the Church in Southern England. But I wonder how many pause to consider the life and the history of the little family which dwells in the three-roomed wooden cottage, crouched like a shrinking rabbit amid its garden thicket, with the hungry sea for ever at its door.

History and more than a whisper of romance linger on all the lonely miles of this flat and desolate coast. The name of the Hundred and of the great mudflats that go shelving out to sea for two miles or more—Dengie—is a corruption of Daneseye, the old Isle of the Danes. For it was here that the Danes landed, here that they burned and raided, here that they dwelt, and yonder, at Maldon, that Earl Brihtnoth and his Saxon warriors, of whom that immortal trinity Aelfhere, Maccus and Wulfstan are the bright heroes, fought to the death in the three-day battle of Maeldune. When the short, grey, winter's day shuts down, when fog-bells clang, the black geese fly straggling over the yeasty waves like ragged witches and the sea wind thunders, you may glimpse, as Trevelyan has said, a vision of that forging of our England, of giant figures fighting in the mist, of battles on the blasted heath and horns blowing in the fog, of steel on steel and the war-croak of the ravens, with all around the lap of the waves and the cries of the shipmen beaching their ships.

WALTER LINNETT, FOWLER OF BRADWELL-JUXTA-MARE, IN ESSEX, WITH HIS PUNT IN GUNNERS' CREEK, ON THE DENGIE FLATS

There are drowned lands and drowned history off this ghostly coast. Is not the Buxey Sand, that yellow, seething death-trap of false waters and lost ships, the vanished Isle of Brocksey Park or Marsh, of which Morant, in his *History of Essex*, in 1768, said: "It is the same, I presume, which Sir John de la Mare had license to enclose. He granted leave to the Prior of St. Valery in 1308 to have a way through it to their marsh, called Gurmonds, for cattle, when the height of the tide hindered their passage. This Brocksey seems named from the brook rising near St. Laurence, into which the sea floweth."

There is a legend still alive at Bradwell waterside to-day that, many years ago, "a man might go on a horse's head" at low tide from Bradwell Quay to Mersea "City"; for, as I said, the sea has played strange tricks with lost land.

And everywhere in this lonely Hundred of the Dane the Danes have left their mark. Their bones and axes lie in the fields, turned up now and then by the plough. Their barrows of the royal dead lie on the hill above Maldon. Their long ships are, like enough, buried in the mud of the river. And you will see their fair hair and blue eyes among the fishermen and fowlers who put out to sea in their stout little smacks and the long, grey gun-punts that go stealing over the waters like shadows.

Such an heir of the Roman and the Dane, a veritable Viking of to-day, is Walter Linnett, the dweller in that tiny cottage which crouches among the bents at the foot of the sea wall with its back to the vallum of the Romans. Linnett is one of the last of the fowlers of the old school and one of the loneliest men in England.

When I first knew him, thirty-five years ago or more, he was tall and blue-eyed, a fair gold of hair, as fairly gold as any Dane. A shy, quiet man with a skin tanned by sun and salt winds to a deep and glowing brown and a voice that was quiet, strangely musical. To-day my old friend, who first taught me the way of a gunning-punt and the mysteries of the wild geese, is still tall and blue of eye, a man with the sea in his eye, but his hair has whitened and the voice is far-away and quieter, almost as though he dwelt in other worlds.

This survival of the days when men lived by what they caught and killed is no farm labourer, no semi-amphibian with one foot in a boat in winter and one behind the harvester in autumn weather. He is a fisher and fowler, a man of iron courage and endurance, the most modest I have ever met. He and his father and his father and grandfather and others before them have lived on this coast by following the sea and the fowl, alone with the Roman ghosts and the whispers of the Dane, longer than the memory of man runneth. He cannot tell you whence they came or when, but I like to think that this heir of the centurions comes straight down from the Danes.

His cottage was built a hundred years ago or more for the coastguard. That was in the days when the smugglers ran their cargoes ashore up Gunners' Creek and stored them in the old chapel before running them on teams of horses across the marshes. They built another cottage and put another coastguard in it at the head of the Big Rill in Tillingham Marsh and there, until a few years ago, lived another

LINNETT ON THE SALTINGS IN FRONT OF HIS COTTAGE. To the right is the 7th-century chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall, one of the oldest places of worship in England

fowler, the redoubtable Tiffen, one of the toughest, roughest characters on the coast.

Walter Linnett is a man cast in a gentler mould. We sat in an ancient "tore-out" dinghy on a day of summer haze not long ago when all the flats shimmered in the heat and the far line of the sea was a lacy edge of white, where gulls dipped and screamed and white terns dropped like arrows into the flashing tide. A flat land, faintly purple with sea-lavender with, on the low horizon of the sea, a red-sailed barge working up the coast to the north and white yachts passing her like swallows, south for Burnham.

Ashore, the cottage chimney sent a blue whorl of smoke into the duck-egg blue of the sky. Turtle-doves flew from thorn bush to thorn bush and filled the summer air with murmurous cooing. A party of sheld-duck, dozing by a shallow pool on the saltings, made brilliant splashes of colour, red and white and chestnut, against the bloom of sea-lavender.

And I thought, as we sat there, in the warm sea air, the tide stealing up the creek like silk and all the flats an opalescent sheen, of winter days when snow clouds darken the high arch of the seaward sky and a white blizzard drives across the flats like a marching curtain of doom and the geese go cronking up the lonely, bitter coast in thousands and grey herds of curlew skirl over the shuddering cottage.

I thought of the grey dawns and lurid winter eves, when all the western sky is an angry bonfire of red and yellow and green, the lonely hours of cold and wet and danger, when my old friend, well into his seventies, goes out on those treacherous flats in a narrow, clinker-built punt, undecked from bow to stern, with no more than six or eight inches of freeboard, a 100-lb. gun weighting down her bows and no one but himself to work and steer the punt, stalk up to the birds, fire the big gun and retrieve the slain. A task which none but a brave man and a superb sailor of the shallow seas could attempt.

"There ain't the geese there used to be when I were a young man," Walter said gently, as though following my thoughts. "There's still thousands on 'em, but they come later each year. Some years there's a lot. Some years, only a few. There ain't the feed there was. That's the trouble.

"In me young days the eely-grass growed on these flats so thick that you couldn't row a punt through it. Some of it grew sixteen or twenty feet long—ah! as long as my punt or longer. There was hundreds of acres of it. An' if that blowed easterly, a reg'lar gale, the grass broke the waves so that on these flats you never got a real sea—just a long, oily swell. Why, you could be out in a gale behind the grass and be safe.

"The geese fed on that like sheep on a field. Then there come a little white worm, or so they say, and that killed the grass all up this coast. That warn't the gunners what killed all the geese or drove 'em away. There allus was up-and-down seasons when they came in big numbers or little—but if there ain't the food you can't expect the birds. Still, we get a few thousand of 'em every winter, but there ain't half the number shot, because nobody goes out after 'em."

I remembered old Abraham D'Wit, that lovable old hermit who, years ago, lived a lonely life aboard a stranded smack in this desolate creek, a strange figure in a wide-awake hat which he would sweep off with the courtesy of a grandee. He lived all alone with his little dog Rose. I reminded Walter of that dead-and-gone romantic. He chuckled.

"Ah! That was your old friend, the Count de la Chapelle, as nice a gentleman as ever went afloat, what rescued poor old Abraham one night. We'd been out a'puntin' and come up the creek in the pitch dark. All of a sudden the Count hears suffin out on the flats cry out 'Ooh! Ooh! ah!' And then a sort o' moanin' cry. Well, you don't expect to find anyone out on these flats a mile from land at midnight—an' with the tide flowin' fast and fillin' all the creeks.

"The Count's man, he was scairt. He reckoned that was a ghost—some poor drownded sailor! We've had plenty o' bodies on this shore. But the Count wouldn't have it. He puts on his splatchers [mud pattens], gets ashore on the mud an' shouts out: 'Who's there?' There comes another moan. So off he goes. An' who should he find but poor old Abraham, lost on the mud, half-dead and nearly done for. Another half an hour and he'd a been a dead'un.

"I've seen some rum things on these flats," Walter went on. "There was a golden eagle once, set on a post, and looked at me like an owd parson. I've seen more than one o' they pass up and down here, spring and autumn. Then there was a flamingo—a great tall, white bird with long red legs. He was about here for weeks, till I shot him. Then I've seen buzzard-hawks an' peregrines. They'll strike a duck down like a bullet. An' wild swans, trumpetin' up this coast in winter and lookin' like a host o' angels in the sky.

"Geese! I've brought 'em back by the punt-load. They were never worth more than a few bob apiece, but it made a livin'. People were glad enough to get 'em in the war, anyway.

"But now, what with aeroplanes and bird-watchers, the birds don't get much peace, even when they're on the nest. An' now you can't shoot the geese any more. I wonder if that'll make 'em breed any faster! If they brought back the eely-grass and planted a few acres of it here an' there all over the flats, that'd be more to the point.

"But gunnin'—my gunnin's nearly finished. I can set here and shoot a wigeon or two an' ketch a few eels an' get a mess o' soles, but the coast ain't the coast any longer. The old days has gone for ever—an' my old ship, master, will be makin' course for harbour afore long."

A COUNTRYWOMAN'S NOTES

By EILUNED LEWIS

A REMARKABLE feature of the present epoch is the variety of paces at which we journey through it, from the dignified tread of a string of camels to the ear-splitting passage of a jet aeroplane. Most of us proceed at a rate somewhere in between these two extremes, with a slight leaning towards one or the other, to suit individual tastes. Thus, in these summer holidays, when we planned to visit Eire, our friends asked whether we were flying, or taking a car, and appeared faintly surprised that we should choose to travel by train, and steam packet from Fishguard to Rosslare.

Nearly twenty years ago, when the gorse was in flower, my brother and I had crossed this same way. We were then writing a book on Wales, and I discovered later that the object of the journey, so far as he was concerned, was "to see Wales from the sea," after the manner of early travellers in the dawn of history. This object was, of course, not achieved, because the packet leaves at midnight and arrives on the other side in the small, dark hours of morning. Through the merciful kindness of British Railways, which runs the steamer, passengers are allowed to sleep on for some time after the vessel reaches harbour, and can later come on deck to watch the sunrise and the gulls fishing for their breakfast on the pearly water. Whether one travels east or west over this legend-haunted sea, its shores remain almost untouched by the centuries. Here are no busy towns, noisy docks or sordid streets. The rocky hill which dominates the Pembrokeshire scene was purple with heather glowing in the early light when we returned in September and, to add a touch of the fantastic, a three-masted barque was moored near the breakwater, and a posse of piratical, bearded film-actors were arriving for their day's work on the quay.

On the Wexford coast there seemed no human activity whatever, except the minimum amount required for the unloading of our ship. Even the most seasoned traveller must be moved, I think, on his arrival at that unspoilt strand. Perhaps a stormy crossing and a rainy day would paint a different picture, but I have seen it at a sunlit and innocent dawn. Here, perhaps, was the fabulous Atlantis, ultimate object of those Mediterranean adventurers who "shook out more sail,"

And day and night held on indignantly
O'er the blue Midland waters in the gale,

searching the west for tin and copper, lead and gold. This narrow sea was once a thoroughfare of the ancient world, traversed by busy Celtic saints and missionary monks, scoured by Norse Vikings when they sailed their long ships up Waterford Bay. Yet when we travelled back to Rosslare a solitary heron flew beside our puffing train for part of the way, and then alighted to continue his quiet fishing among the reeds and bulrushes of the estuary. Before the hour of sailing we stood on deck and watched a harvest moon set behind the low hills; even the gulls fell silent, and so still was the evening that we could hear their gentle striking of the sea as they touched down and then rose again from the water under the ship's bows.

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SHORT as the journey is, and home-like the landing on either shore, there is nowadays little coming and going between the inhabitants. In the days of rationing miners from the Welsh valleys would cross to Eire to buy meat and butter, but the old country people will tell you that they have seldom if ever been "the other side." "I often thought of going when I was young," said one dignified elderly lady to me when we were drinking tea in her Pembrokeshire farm-house. "But somehow I never did, and now I suppose I never shall."

Yet how alike they are, these seaboard counties! There are the same wide banks (called hedges in Pembrokeshire) smothered with gorse, brambles and honeysuckle; the same little fields of oats and barley growing to the cliffs' margin, the fuchsia hedges and great bushes of hydrangea and veronica, and far too many pastures gay with yellow ragwort. Eire favours thatch and white-wash; pink and apricot walls with slate roofs belong to the Welsh side, but the soft airs and timeless days are common to both.

On clear days the high hills are in sight of each other, so that a man standing among the sacred stones of Prescelly can catch a glimpse of Lugnaquillia in the Wicklow Mountains. But our Wexford driver, with the ready wit of his race, went one better than this. On discovering my nationality, he assured us that a curious Corinthian pillar, in the middle of a field which we passed, had been erected by a Welshman who, being obliged to live in Ireland, was so homesick for his native land that he built this column, "the way he could climb to the top of it and see Wales."

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NO shred of veracity, I understand, adheres to this story, but I can credit the homesickness of any Welshman. Old Ben, whom we met on our way back through Pembrokeshire, had worked as coachman-gardener for sixty years in one of those substantial manor farms where a square Georgian front has been added to a Tudor frame. Then at the age of eighty he retired to live in a town ten miles away, although "Ben's room" was always kept for him in the old house. Two years later he returned to it for a fortnight's holiday, and there he has stayed ever since, to help his ageing mistress tend her garden.

We came across him in the strawberry bed, bright-eyed and rosy, but a little bent at eighty-three, so that he is now the right shape and size for his flowers and vegetables, and after some talk we asked him, since he is a famous singer in that district, if he would give us a song. He agreed at once, leading us to the greenhouse and sitting down under his well-tended and flourishing vine. And here he sang a long sad ballad of a drowned sailor and true love, an old Welsh song of the Gentle Dove, and a merry one about a fair, all with a voice as blithe and sweet as a blackbird's fluting, and as clear as the sea water which divides those two enchanted shores.

THE R.H.S. AUTUMN SHOW

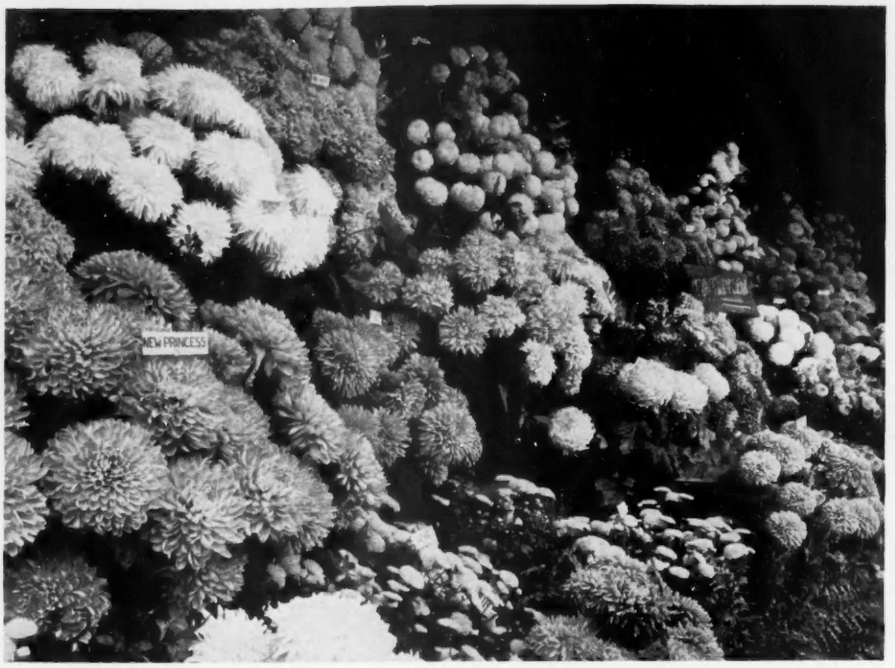
By A. G. L. HELLYER

IT is seventeen years since the Royal Horticultural Society staged an autumn show at Olympia and it was certainly pleasant to see once again all the varied flowers, fruit and foliage of this season brought together under one roof. There were, of course, dahlias by the thousand, chrysanthemums in equal abundance, a great number of roses and a wide selection of berry-bearing and autumn-colouring shrubs. But I am by no means sure that, despite all this wealth of colour, it was not the sober Michaelmas daisies that really stole the show. Certainly I have never seen them shown better and in greater variety. The best Michaelmas daisy to be seen was a newcomer named Marie Ballard. Its flowers are unusually double and well formed, the wistaria-blue petals lying neatly one over another as they would in a good Comet aster. Marie Ballard was selected for trial at Wisley and its progress there will certainly be watched with interest.

Another of the Ballard varieties which is outstandingly good is Moderator, of a much deeper blue than Marie Ballard and another very fine flower. It would make a striking contrast to the equally large and showy Ernest Ballard, which has petunia-purple flowers. Winston Churchill is still the best of the ruby red varieties, though Saturn, which is a newcomer to me, also caught my eye. One other Michaelmas daisy that I should like to recommend is The Urchin, which is oddly named, as it is not at all ragged and has, in fact, very opulent magnolia-purple flowers.

The trouble with dahlias in the mass is that they tend to overpower one. There are so many varieties that one becomes bewildered and their combined colour effect is so staggering that one feels like the gardener who, having been dragged out to admire the geraniums, begged to be led away to cool his eyes on the parsley. Still, in fairness to the dahlia breeders, it must be said that they are obviously giving a great deal of attention to the more subtle shades. A good example of this trend is to be seen in such varieties as Excel and Autumnal, in both of which lavender pales to white. Both, incidentally, are of the small, formal, decorative type that is becoming so popular. These dahlias bear no resemblance whatsoever to the overblown giants that are so popular with exhibitors but have tended to bring the dahlia into disrepute with gardeners of taste.

Two trends were to be noted in the chrysanthemum exhibits: one the increasing number of pompon varieties, and the other the attention which is being paid to firmness of texture in the flowers of outdoor kinds. The pompons, with their neat, rounded flowers and densely branched habit, are ideal for garden display. I doubt whether any new variety has yet surpassed the comparatively old Jante Wells (which oddly enough has always been classed as a Korean, though it is a true pompon), but Denise is at least equally showy and flowers considerably earlier. Its flowers are also twice as big, but I do not regard that as an advantage. Let us keep the pompons small.



OUTDOOR CHRYSANTHEMUMS AT THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S AUTUMN SHOW AT OLYMPIA. Many new varieties are characterised by firm petals

Gladioli were almost as good as at some of the August shows—which is certainly a commentary on the lateness of the season. Incidentally, one of the most successful exhibitors stated that all his spikes had been cut from June-planted corms, and that these had grown much better than those planted in spring, which had been checked by the long dry spell in April and early May. It has rained for so many months now that many gardeners have forgotten that we did start the season with a drought.

Advance in gladioli is at present most rapid in the small-flowered varieties, variously referred to as miniatures and butterflies. Unlike the older primulinus varieties, these differ little from the large-flowered varieties in length of spike or thickness of stem, but their individual flowers are much smaller and most of them have attractively crimped petals.

The most unusual rose in the show has not yet been named, though I am told it is likely to be called Magenta. If so, it will be a misnomer, for this very attractive hybrid musk rose has flowers far removed from the colour usually known as magenta in this country. It is, in fact, a colour very difficult to name, a soft purple which is a good deal more red in the bud than it is in the fully open flower. This has already been called a blue rose, which it definitely is not in the strict sense of the word, though it does come into the general colour group of roses which for some time has been loosely termed blue. It is the best of this colour that I have yet seen.

The show was really too early for the full splendour of autumn foliage colour to be seen, though one caught a taste of it in the crimsoning leaves of *Vitis amurensis* and *Disanthus cercidifolius* and in the deepening pink of *Euonymus Bungeanus*. But most of the colours in the many fine exhibits of trees and shrubs came from various fruits and berries. There were the china-blue berries of *Gaultheria fragrantissima* to contrast with the orange berries of *Hippophae rhamnoides*, the shining scarlet hips of *Rosa holodonta* and the dull crimson fruits of *Euonymus planipes*, here and there splitting open to reveal their large orange seeds. A very showy whitebeam is *Sorbus aria Gibbsii*, the branches of which were bowed down by their scarlet crop. There were also several good species of sorbus with pink fruits, notably *Sorbus hunpehensis rosea* and *S. Vilmorinii*.

I must not omit the vegetables, which seemed, if possible, to be even more colourful than the flowers, or the apples, pears and other fruits which were so admirably shown. It is pleasant to record that one of the finest exhibits of this kind came from an amateur, Mr. J. Wyndham, of Petworth, Sussex, whose gardener is that well-known broadcaster, Mr. Fred Streeter. This contained many beautifully grown bunches of grapes, excellent plates of perpetual-fruiting strawberries and a big collection of pears.

There were also some excellent exhibits of cacti and other succulents, ranging from giant euphorbias and tall, grey-haired cleistocactus to the tiny, pebble-mimicking plants of lithops, conophytum and fenestraria.

PART OF A NOTABLE EXHIBIT OF CACTI AND OTHER SUCCULENT PLANTS

THE INTERNATIONALS

A Golf Commentary by **BERNARD DARWIN**

WHEN I wrote ecstatically a week or two ago of going to delightful Porthcawl for the international matches I clearly did not touch enough wood or shake my left leg with sufficient vigour or take all other requisite steps to avert the evil chance. There came a cruel Nemesis in the form of bronchitis and I could not go. So I have been watching the matches in the newspapers and have had the help of two eminent friends who promised to give me by letter any "inside dope" that there was. Wild horses could not drag their names from me; nor in fact have they told me anything very exciting, but they have given me some interesting impressions, for which I am most grateful.

Now, with them to help me, let me look at the Wednesday's play, England v. Wales and Scotland v. Ireland. The England side has this year a solid and formidable air, reminiscent of three or four years back, and since then conspicuously lacking. It is a great thing to have Leonard Crawley back and playing, as I am told, beautifully. I do not care how old he is and the same applies to Stowe, another of the old stalwarts, and Ronnie White has, I gather, really come back to his good game. As far as the long game is concerned he has been at his true best, but the putting, never his strong point, has been less convincing. My anonymous and unimpeachable spy describes him as "swaying gently on the green." The England side would have been better still if Scrutton could have played, fresh from his triumphs at Woodhall Spa, but he unfortunately was ill. It would have been particularly valuable to the Walker Cup selection committee, who were there to see what they could see, to have him give them proofs in match play. It is true that he has sometimes been very disappointing in matches, but I think, if it were my business, which thank heaven it is not, I should always take a chance with one whose good game is so very good.

Wales are always dangerous in foursomes, and the first shock of news for English supporters was that four out of five Welsh couples were up at the turn in the foursomes. However, the English team pulled themselves together and were up in four out of the five at lunch. That was that, and Wales, who nowadays often beat one of the other two countries but can never beat England, failed again. They had two good scalps; that really admirable golfer Morgan, hero of the Walker Cup at Kittansett, made quite a mess of Charles Stowe, and Tucker, a really good golfer with a fine easy swing, too little known away from his home, just beat Micklem, but otherwise England were triumphant.

Scotland, the holders of the Raymond Trophy for the last two years, were, perhaps a little unexpectedly, beaten by Ireland, but looking at the team on paper and at a distance, it does not seem surprising to me. There are not in this Scottish side to my mind any three players quite of the stature of Carr, Ewing and McCready. Scotland has been unlucky this year, for their best player, as I should judge him, Blair, could not play, and J. C. Wilson did not play. Why that was I know not, for he was winning the Glennie Medal at St. Andrews on that very day with a wonderful total of 140. Admittedly he is more formidable in score than match play, but he was surely good enough for the side. However, perhaps I had better mind my own business. At any rate, as it was, the team seemed lacking in big men at the top. The Scots are always bonny fighters in an international, but this side wanted leaders.

Now for Thursday, and first of all England v. Scotland, which always used to wind up the tournament. My head spy tells me it was a dull match, because there was never a single moment when England were not winning. It is true that some of the Scottish tail, Bucher, Miller and McArthur, finished most gallantly and won three singles which my second spy, and I with him, would have given to England. They beat Crawley, Caldwell and Perowne—three fine scalps—but this spurt came far too late. Caldwell has been playing well, witness his great score in the Boyd Quaich, and looks so very good, but the highest and most trustworthy quality seems somewhat now and then to escape him. Thirlwell, I gather, had a poor day. One eminent writer says succinctly that he "could not putt for nuts." I remember when writing about his fine win in the English Championship suggesting that some critics would disapprove of his flexible wrists on the green. I wonder if I was by any chance right. I was glad to see that the other Northumbrian, Tate, had a day of glorious slaughter. I like to see the once famous name of Alnmouth again in the news and this young man may be the deuce and all of a player.

The great event of Thursday, however, and the one really thrilling match so far was that between Wales and Ireland. I wish I had been there to shout, but I should have suffered horribly, for, oh, heaven! how nearly Wales threw it away. They led in the foursomes by 3½ to 1½, and those trusty warriors Duncan and Evans gave the mighty Carr and Ewing to the dogs and vultures—5 and 4, no less. Yet the side ought to have done better still. Sam Roberts, that usually magnificent putter, missed a "tiddler" on the home green that would have given Wales four matches, and in the fifth they let their enemies lose a ball and yet halve the 17th in six. The fates do not forget these little mistakes, and when O'Sullivan was dormy two on Knipe in the last single, it seemed that Ireland would be saved. However, the hero of Killarney faltered. He played a wild second at the 17th (rather a comfortable, halvable hole for the man who is dormy as I have always thought) and lost that; then lost his ball at the 18th and lost the hole as well. Well done, Wales! I fancy the Irishmen now fear them more than anybody else; in the last three years there has been a reign of Welsh terror.

Now I come to the last day and have just read with considerable satisfaction that England has pulled it off, as everybody thought they would. Yet after leading Ireland in the foursomes by 4 to 1 they seem to have made their supporters unnecessarily anxious in the singles. In fact the side has not "snodded" either Scotland or Ireland with a wholly victorious confidence, or so it seems to me at a distance. However, perhaps I am asking too much. I do most heartily congratulate Leonard Crawley on leading his side to victory on the course where he played in this same tournament in 1938. Not only was he an outstandingly good captain but he did noble work as a player, especially in the foursomes, in which he and J. W. Jones won every match. The clash of Carr and White both in the foursomes and in the singles must have been the event most eagerly looked forward to, and like other eagerly awaited meetings seems to have been a little disappointing. White apparently did not putt well, not so well as Carr does with his No. 3 iron, though that piece of unorthodoxy is not always notably successful. The single was hardly worthy of the players or of the occasion, but obviously the wind made good golf very difficult. Once Carr got the lead on the homeward way he was clearly winning.

Micklem, who did not begin this tournament very well, finished like a roaring lion, obviously playing very well, and Caldwell had another good win. At this point came my trusty informant on the telephone, telling me that I should have felt more uncomfortable than even I had imagined. The whole fate of the day hung on Perowne and Mahon. Perowne was "in easy street," three up with five to play and then Mahon began to hole things. Perowne missed one short one, but he holed one worth much fine gold, for Mahon not only holed one vast putt to win the 16th and square the match, but another at the 17th, and Perowne was left with an eight footer to save himself from being one down. He holed it like a man and then played two perfect wooden club shots to the home hole in the wind's eye and won the match. That settled it, but the Irishmen had put up a most gallant show. I wish I had seen the new man, Lyons, drive, for he must be prodigious.

Wales beats Ireland; Ireland beats Scotland; therefore, Wales beats Scotland, Q.E.D. But golf matches do not work out like that, and Scotland reasserted themselves and beat Wales, not by a great deal, but definitely enough, by seven matches to four, with four halves. Cater and McGregor did well to beat Duncan and Evans, entrenched in their own fastness, and Draper, the Scottish champion, did well to beat Duncan the Welsh one. So the end of it all was that England was enthroned at the top of the list with three wins and there was a tie between the other three countries at one win and two losses apiece, a good, symmetrical conclusion. It looks at present as if England would have to provide the nucleus of our next summer's Walker Cup team.

SCENE AT ROYAL PORTHCAWL GOLF COURSE DURING A MATCH BETWEEN WALES AND SCOTLAND

1.—THE ENTRANCE FRONT, FACING EAST TOWARDS WYMONDHAM ABBEY

CAVICK HOUSE, NORFOLK

THE HOME OF MISS S. J. BAILEY

By GORDON NARES

The earliest part of the house dates from the 17th century, but the east front, facing towards Wymondham Abbey, was built early in the following century, and contains the drawing-room, which has fine Rococo decoration dating from about 1760.

2.—THE MIDDLE OF THE EAST FRONT

SOME English place-names have an engaging habit of misleading the uninitiated by not being pronounced as they are spelt: examples that come to mind are Leominster in Herefordshire, Mildenhall in Wiltshire, Garboldisham in Norfolk, and, of course, Cirencester. The pronunciation of the last has been the subject of much controversy, and variations are numerous: as in the famous early *Punch* joke, it seems that "you pay your money and you take your choice." Wymondham in Norfolk, however, has for centuries been pronounced Windham, and, indeed, when Celia Fiennes passed through it on her "Great Journey" of 1698 she spelt it Windham *tout court*. She described it then as a "little market town," and the phrase is still apt. The pivot of the town is still the half-timbered octagonal market-house, which was already half a century old when she rode past it on her way from Norwich to Thetford, and in the market-place itself still stand several of the mediæval houses that she must have seen, though they now mostly lie hidden behind tidy Georgian façades.

Oddly enough Celia Fiennes makes no mention of Wymondham's outstanding building, the Abbey, but it is possible that she did not see it, for it lies on the south-western outskirts of the town at the point where the streets end and the country begins. This is no place to describe the Abbey in detail, but, just as one can hardly pass it without a visit, so one can scarcely mention it without recalling its noble Norman nave and superb 15th-century timber roof, with the climax of Sir Ninian Comper's huge gilded reredos at the east end. Moreover, the Abbey plays a part in the subject of this article, for when Cavick House was built the great church must have been plainly visible across the half mile of shallow pastoral valley that separates the two buildings. Now, however, the trees before the house have grown so thick and high that it is only from the first-floor windows or in winter, when the trees are leafless, that one can see the two gaunt unfinished towers of the Abbey, as the builder of the house no doubt intended that one should.

There is no village of Cavick, but there must have been a building

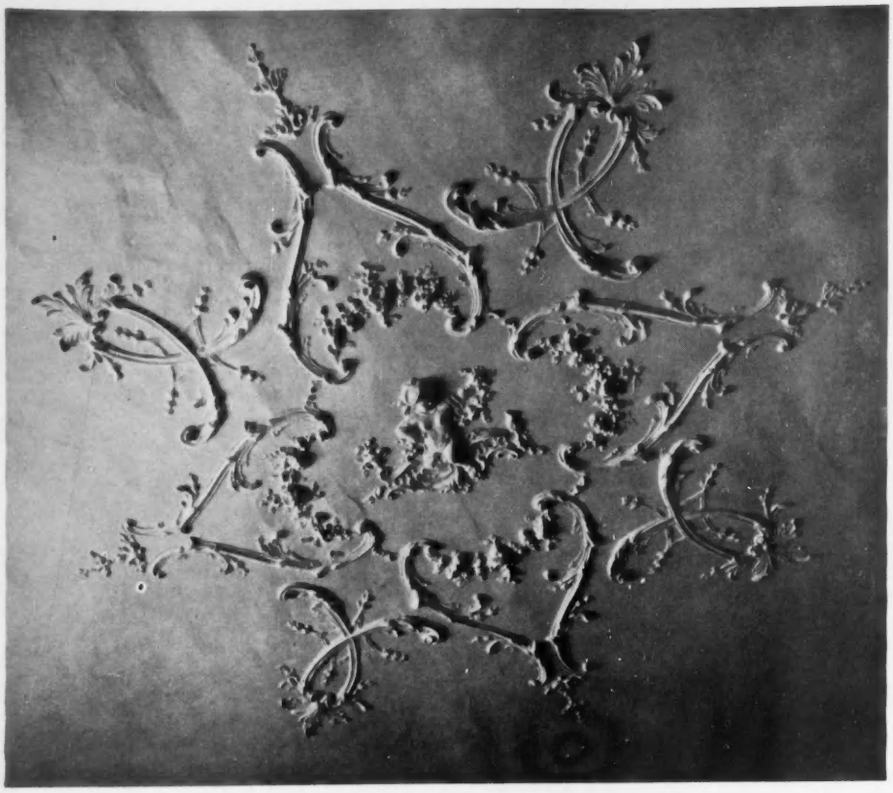
on the site for centuries and Professor Ekwall has suggested that its name may be derived from Caefca's *wic* (dairy or cattle farm). The earliest part of the existing building appears to date from the latter half of the 17th century, but the house takes its character mainly from the east front (Fig. 1), which was built early in the 18th century.

At that time Cavick belonged to John Drake, described as a "Worstead Weaver," who in anticipation of his marriage to Martha Chambers in 1705 had entered into a deed of covenant to purchase an estate of the annual value of £100 in Norfolk or Suffolk and to settle it. Accordingly, between 1709 and 1720 he acquired considerable property in and near Wymondham, including Cavick, which was eventually inherited by his son Samuel. It seems that Samuel died young, for about 1750 Cavick descended by his will to one Sarah Divers, who married his nephew, the Rev. Richard Drake, in 1759. Richard and Sarah Drake had an only daughter, who married the Rev. Richard Papillon in 1798, but she had no children and after her husband's death Cavick passed to a nephew of Richard Drake, who sold it to William Robert Cann in 1825. Mr. Cann, whose family had been brewers in Norfolk for generations, had a son, William, and four daughters, one of whom married Elijah Crosier Bailey, a prominent Norwich lawyer. Mr. Bailey bought Cavick from his brother-in-law in 1880, and it is now the home of his grand-daughter, Miss Jane Bailey, who inherited it from her uncle, Mr. Arthur Bailey, in 1945. The house had been requisitioned by the Army during the War, but Miss Bailey has since restored it and rehabilitated the charming garden which lies to the west.

Nothing is known of the architectural history of Cavick, but the apparent growth of the house is curiously like that of Gateley Hall—some twenty miles to the north-west in the same county—which was illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE last week. Both houses have a 17th-century core; both received a large addition early in the 18th century; and both have a small part—at Gateley two rooms, at Cavick one—with elaborate Rococo decoration of the mid 18th century.

3.—DOORWAY IN THE FORECOURT WALL

4.—THE DRAWING-ROOM, SHOWING THE ROCOCO DECORATION



5.—THE DRAWING-ROOM CEILING

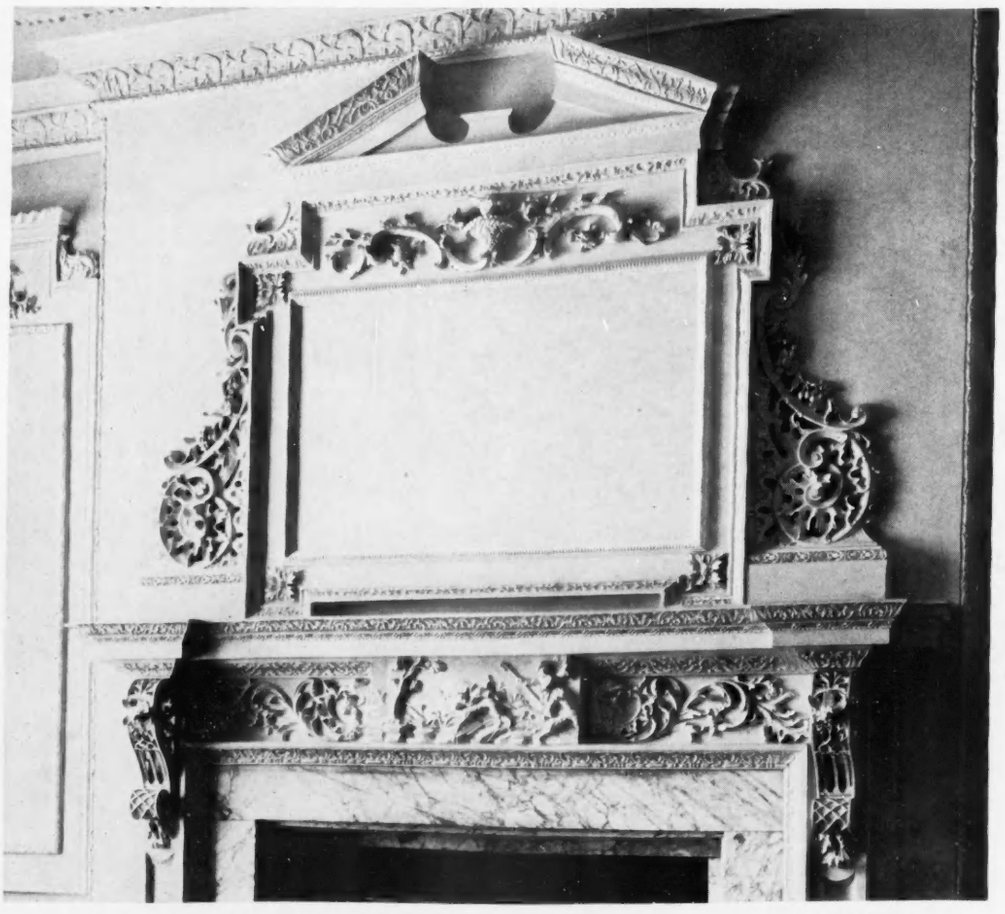
But whereas the Gateley decoration is a masterpiece of the plasterer's art, that at Cavick exemplifies the skill of the carver.

The surviving 17th-century block at Cavick is quite small, facing west towards the garden. It is built of red brick with closely spaced casement windows of typical 17th-century form, having a central mullion and single transom. This block lies immediately behind the long east front (Fig. 1), which was presumably built by John Drake about 1720.

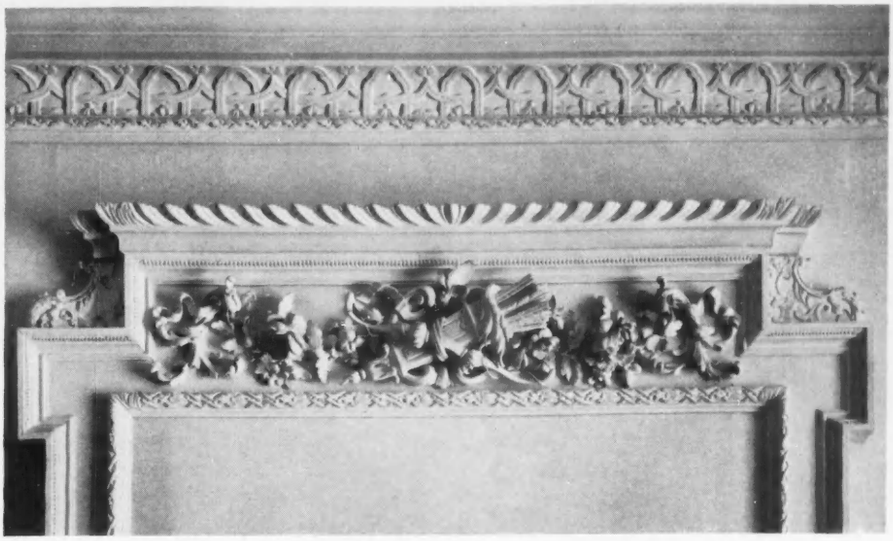
The façade is of nine bays with a central doorway beneath an arch framed by Ionic pilasters (Fig. 2). The ranks of sash windows, which have broad architraves flush with the wall, are painted white, which contrasts boldly with the deep sun-baked red of the brickwork. White also are the string-course, the keystones to the windows, the modillion cornice beneath the steep hipped slate roof, and the stone quoins which terminate the façade. At each side of the east front are curving brick walls with rusticated piers at the end, and in the middle squat white doorways with rusticated brick architraves and heavy keystones (Fig. 3). These solemn doorways give the necessary note of emphasis to the otherwise plain walls, which curve forward to embrace a gravel sweep and narrow lawn, on which stand four classical capitals serving as urns for flowers (Fig. 2). On the east side of the lawn is a screen of limes and chestnuts, beyond which is the road that leads from Wymondham to the bucolic Norfolk villages of Wicklewood, Highoak, Morley St. Botolph and the Deophams.

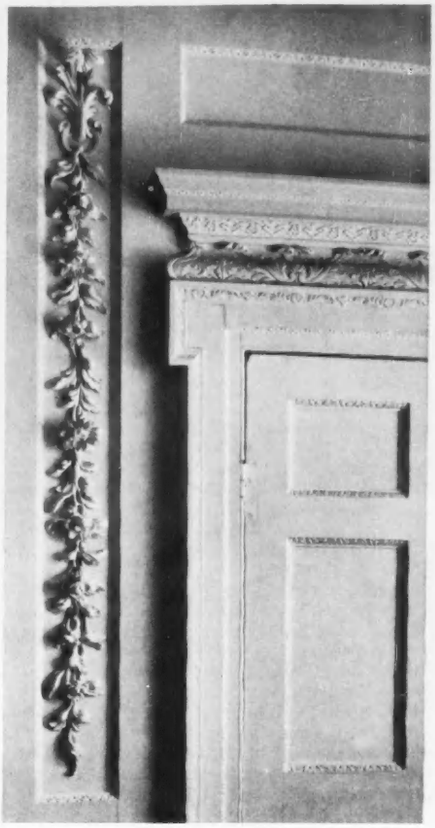
Turning one's back on this curtain of trees, through the chinks of which one can catch a glimpse of Wymondham Abbey, one passes through the front door into the hall, which occupies the central bay and the two on its left. Facing one is the staircase, beneath which a short passage leads through to a doorway giving access to the garden. The panelling in the hall, as in most of the rooms in the house, is typical of the early 18th century, with tall rectangular panels above a chair rail. On the right of the hall is a small study, with early 18th-century panelling but a later chimney-piece, and beyond that is the dining-room, which was evidently redecorated at the beginning of the 19th century—possibly after Mr. Cann's purchase in 1825. In these rooms, and elsewhere in the house, hang an outstanding collection of water-colours accumulated by Miss Bailey's father and including works by John Sell Cotman and his son John Joseph, Crome, David Cox and Peter de Wint.

To the left of the hall lies the drawing-room (Fig. 4), which is the most remarkable room at Cavick—indeed, a remarkable room by any standards—to which most of the photographs in the article are devoted. Its date is uncertain, but it is undoubtedly later than the original Drake front and from its Rococo character may be assigned to the middle decades of the 18th century. In the absence of any documentary evidence it seems reasonable to suggest that it was probably executed at about the time of Richard Drake's marriage to Sarah Divers in 1759, and it might be added that stylistically its decoration is not unlike that in the drawing-room at Peckover House, a property of the National Trust at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, which is thought to have been redecorated for Mrs. Southwell about 1755 (see COUNTRY LIFE, June 7, 1944). The identity of the craftsmen responsible for the carving and for the stucco ceiling is unknown, but they probably came from Norwich, which at this time, under the influence of such a notable carpenter-architect as Thomas Ivory, was an important centre of the building and allied crafts.



6.—DETAIL OF THE DRAWING-ROOM CHIMNEY-PIECE AND OVERMANTEL





7.—DETAIL OF THE DRAWING-ROOM CORNICE AND FRIEZE TO ONE OF THE PANELS. (*Right*) 8.—DETAIL OF THE PANELLING AND DOORWAY

The quality of the carving is extremely high, as can be seen from the accompanying photographs. The carpenter's talents have been employed most lavishly on the chimney-piece and overmantel (Fig. 6). The frieze has a projecting central panel on which is a spirited carving of a shepherd and his dog chasing a wolf that has snatched a lamb from the flock. Although the carving is comparatively shallow it gives a remarkable sense of perspective, and the craftsman has managed to hint at a distant landscape in the background with the aid of only a tree, a short length of post and rail, and two hills of different heights. Supporting the shelf over this frieze are twin consoles, which are not solid but pierced and undercut like fretwork. The overmantel above has a broken pediment, a basket of fruit and flowers in the frieze and bold Rococo side-pieces.

The remainder of the wall space is divided into panels, separated by narrow recesses each containing carved drops of foliage and fruit suspended from a ring (Fig. 8). The panels have eared architraves and beautifully carved friezes decorated either with shells or entwined bows and quivers (Fig. 7). The walls are surmounted by a cornice with an arcaded interlacing pattern of Gothick character. The ceiling above it has a pretty design of Rococo C-scrolls and festoons of foliage centring on the figure of a girl proffering fruit to a bird (Fig. 5). The material is, in fact, not plaster but papier-mâché. Paintwork of a pale green colour and delicate satinwood furniture set off to perfection a charming and unusual room.

A NATURALIST IN ICELAND

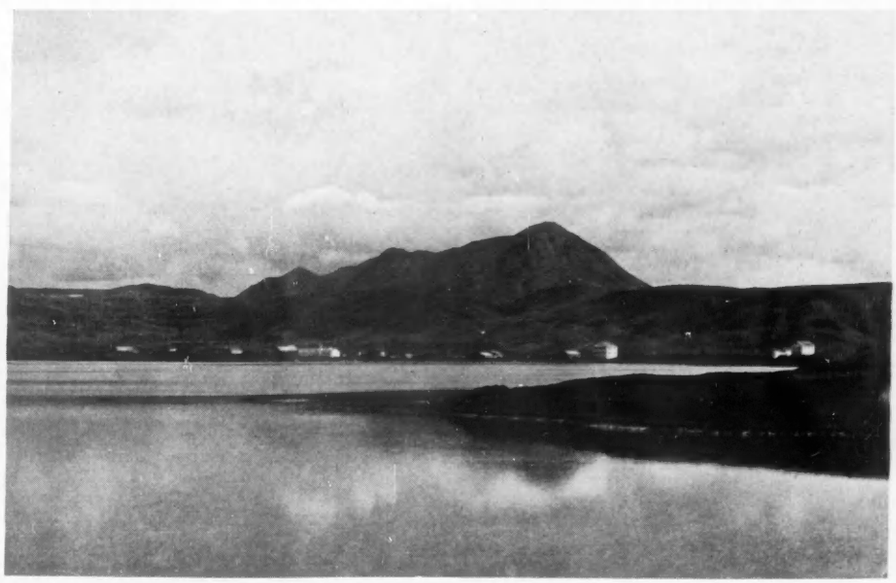
Written and Illustrated by **FRANCES PITT**

THE morning in Iceland was brilliant, with a blue sky and blue water, as I crept from my sleeping bag. My companion and I had retired at nine o'clock the previous evening and it was now after eight. What had passed during the night was a blissful blank. I had a vague idea that some time or other the cock ptarmigan, who had a favourite seat on a pillar of lava near by, gave vent to his rasping call, and that a whimbrel flew over trilling at break of day.

As there is practically no night in Iceland in mid-June, "break of day" might have been any time. Things that were quite clear and sure were the long-tailed ducks flying over: "ar-ar arrat!" they cried, in those tones that seem to embody the very spirit of these northern wilds. Clear, too, were the song of a pipit, the conversational quack of a mallard and some equally conversational remarks by a pair of Arctic terns.

The air was full of whispers; even the great lake seemed to whisper as if but half awake. I picked my way over dew-soaked grass tussocks, round fantastic blocks of grey stone, and climbed on to a big rock whence I could see around. From it there was a wide view over the far-extending waters of Myvatn, the lake in northern Iceland that is such an amazing stronghold of bird life. The two of us had brought from England a car and camping equipment, and after three days in Reykjavik had motored north, bumping gaily along over roads that varied from pretty fair to really bad. We pulled up and slept in the car on the wayside when we felt like it and we went on when we pleased, even at five in the morning, to the scandalisation of a large herd of whooper swans grazing on a grassy flat by a riverside. The great white birds raised their heads on their long necks with an air of grave disapproval, before flapping over the sward and solemnly taking wing.

Our only unpleasant adventure was getting stuck in the middle of a wide, swift river. The bridge was closed, and traffic had to proceed through the stream. We viewed it with distaste; however, a lorry arrived and its driver, in excellent English, said he did not think it was too deep and if we would follow him he would lead us over the best route. In much trepidation we drove into the water, which was soon not only over the running-board, but coming into the car. However the car continued steadily to the middle of the river, where, with an apologetic cough, she gave it up. It was not at all a pleasant sight to see that strong, icy water splashing in. The lorry driver had pulled up on the farther bank to see how we fared. Then his



THE NORTHERN END OF MYVATN, A FAMOUS HAUNT OF WILDFOWL IN ICELAND

companion picked up a strong rope lying coiled up on the bank and threw it into the lorry, after which the driver backed his machine into the flood.

A later look round under more favourable circumstances showed the river and its surroundings to be exceptionally beautiful, with snow-capped fjelds in the background, many delightful Icelandic ponies in the foreground, and the lovely river racing to the blue fjord, but at this first acquaintance I did not like it and my companion later assured me that she never disliked a river so much. She was at the wheel and so had special reason to find it unpleasing.

The lorry driver skilfully backed his big machine not only into the river bed, but right up to us. His mate and he did marvellous gymnastics on its tailboard, fixed the rope to our car, returned to the cab, started up their engine, and in three minutes we were hauled out and on dry ground.

Our car started all right and in ten minutes we were again under way. The only ill-effect that the car suffered was that for a while the brakes would not hold. It took them two hours to dry out. All this, by the way, took place on a road that is the equivalent of our Great North Road.

"SULPHUR SPRINGS THAT CONTINUOUSLY BELCH GREAT SPOUTS OF STEAM AND SMOKE"

The road was not too bad so long as it was not under repair, but, where large quantities of soft lava had been piled on it, it became quite a nightmare, though I must be fair and say that all the main roads in Iceland are passable for ordinary cars. Once off the main roads, however, you may meet with anything and soon be in difficulties. Except in Reykjavik, Akureyri and so on, tar is unknown and in dry weather the dust is awful. The roads are mostly just one vehicle wide, with passing places marked by yellow and black posts, and the clouds of dust are useful warnings of approaching traffic. When you see a dust cloud in the distance you tuck yourself into such a nook and let the car, lorry or whatever it may be come by.

Our camp on the shore of Myvatn was well away from road and dust. It was on a grassy space, some ten or twelve yards square, among the rough, jagged grey rocks of an old lava field. Iceland is highly volcanic: much of it consists of lava wastes, the result of eruption after eruption, spread over the land like petrified porridge that has wrinkled and cracked in cooling. Here the lava was oldish, with grass, *Dryas octopetala* and *Silene acaulis* in daisy-like sheets and pink cushions to soften its austerity. *Dryas octopetala* was everywhere, lifting its star-like blooms in wondrous beauty. Not far away was a comparatively recent area of lava, some 150 years old, on which little except grey moss could find a foothold. Several cones and craters, including a huge one to the east (none, fortunately, active), were visible as I looked round at the beauty of the morning. These volcanic mountains were painted in lovely tints of blue and purple against the morning sky, yet there was something grim about them, and about the weird yellow and red tints of the sulphur hills to the north, the site of sulphur springs and geysers that continuously belch great spouts of steam and smoke, like gigantic pressure stoves roaring to the sky.

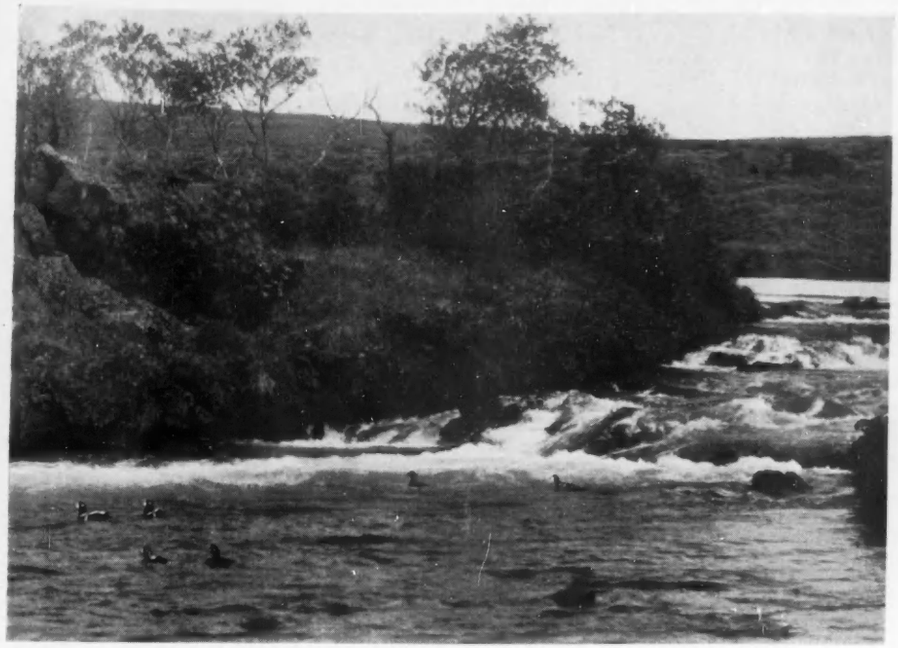
Here, however, the only hint of the sulphur springs was a faint smell of sulphur on the air and the same faint odour from the water. Where the lake lapped against the shore, some fifteen feet below my look-out rock, the water was steaming. It always steamed on a cool morning, for warm springs ran into it out of the rocks. One of the luxuries of our camping site was the warm water in which we could wash things and bathe; one of the drawbacks was the flies. Myvatn, pronounced by the local people Me-va, means Fly Lake, and is indeed an appropriate name. When the sun shines, out come myriads of small black flies. They stream into the air in dense columns and they get into your hair, eyes, ears, nose and everywhere. We had brought with us old bee veils, and how thankful we were for them! Without them we could never have endured it. When the sun goes in and the wind blows, as only the Icelandic wind can, the flies drop to earth and blacken the ground with their bodies. This extraordinary abundance of insect life no doubt accounts in part for the great wealth of bird life, in particular of ducks, for conditions are ideal for breeding and rearing young.

There are only two things to be said in favour of the Myvatn flies from an English person's point of view, and that is they do not bite and they do not get up very early. In this lovely time, while the day was yet young, they hardly bothered at all and I could sit on my rock, veil-less, and view the scene. Before me stretched a cove or small bay, its waters glassy and reflecting rocks, a grassy promontory and a marsh-marigold-spangled verge with mirror-like exactitude. Afar stretched the great lake (it is some fourteen miles long) to the grey distant island of Slutnes, famous as a duck nursery. But I had no eyes for distant views, not even for snow-capped summits rising against the western horizon, for there was so much to stare at near at hand.

Peaceful for the moment were the two Arctic terns that had a chick on the stones where one of the warm springs entered the lake, a couple to the right and a third pair with a nest on the grass of a little hay meadow. Should I move they would all be on the wing, screaming and dive-bombing with a fury that had to be felt to be believed. The third pair were a particularly savage couple, pressing home their attack most resolutely. One of them hit me so hard on the head that it drew blood and the blood ran down my face.

A scaup duck was likewise less co-operative than she might have been. Scaup are very numerous on Myvatn: the black-and-white drakes and the dingy ducks are everywhere, and so are their nests. There was a nest among the golden marigolds to which I put up my hide, but the duck delayed returning to her eggs and kept me waiting while she patrolled up and down on the lake. However, I took her portrait on the water.

A SLAVONIAN GREBE THAT HAS JUST SPRUNG FROM THE WATER ON TO ITS NEST



HARLEQUIN DUCKS FLOATING DOWN THE RIVER LAXA

There were scaup, both ducks and drakes, and many of them, to be seen from our camp; also wigeon, the drakes very beautiful, with their chestnut-and-cream heads, and sundry mallard, mostly drakes, for the ducks were sitting; and two pairs of my particular love, the long-tailed duck. Close at hand, at the water's edge, red-necked phalarope played, more like large insects than feathered birds; and among the duck I suddenly spotted a pair of Barrow's goldeneye, the drake very smart, with his chequered back and his saucy appearance. Other species seen from my look-out perch were tufted duck, scoter, teal, red-breasted merganser, gadwall and Slavonian grebe, of which I could see the nest sites of no fewer than six pairs.

To one whose previous acquaintance with this grebe had been limited to a reed-fringed Highland loch, it was surprising to see nests in such open places, also so close together. There were two nests, just rafts of water-weeds, anchored within a few yards of each other among the submerged weeds 20 yards off shore. One was subsequently swamped in a gale, but the other survived it. The remaining four were in more secure positions near the verge of the lake, but none was in reeds or rushes, for the simple reason that there were no reed-beds. I put up a hide near a nest on the marigold part of the shore and, whatever the conduct of the scaup, no fault could be found with the behaviour of the Slavonian grebes: they proved a most obliging pair, a joy to watch and photograph.

The notes I made read as follows: "June 16, 5 p.m. Went into grebe hide, birds well behaved, coming to their eggs in turn. One, the biggest and brightest bird, so presumed to be the male, especially bold. The pair owning the nest round the bend to the left, which has three eggs to-day, came trespassing on the territory of my pair. Both birds swim to meet the invaders, who meet them with warlike display. All four put up a great show, retracting their necks, arching their wings swan fashion and fluffing out their feathers, making themselves look big and important. They remind me of angry cats. The couples meet and battle is joined. The bigger birds (the males?) fighting like gamecocks, fluttering up into the air face to face, before falling back into the water. The water does indeed fly; the commotion is immense. All the time they keep up chattering, mewing cries, difficult to describe, being in no way harsh, but rather the reverse, in fact, quite pleasant. The invaders break off the combat and retreat, whereupon the smaller of my two birds swims hurriedly to her nest, jumps on to it, hastily pulls the covering off the five eggs and settles herself on them.

"What a beauty she is! The golden stripes and tufts on either side of her head give her the appearance of having auburn hair, while her brilliant red eyes seem lit by an inner light—they make me think of ripe red currants wet with morning dew. She is a truly lovely bird. The sound of my ciné camera makes her look round; quietly and without any air of alarm, she stands up, pulls nesting material towards her, and carefully covers the eggs. Such is grebe custom: eggs must always be covered before being left. She departs, the male takes over and, seen thus at a distance of a few feet, seems even handsomer than his mate. But I regret to say that when he gets tired of duty, looks round for his relief and leaves the nest, he omits the rite of covering the eggs.

"Exposed eggs run risks. Sitting on my rock, I see a solitary great black-backed gull flapping like a majestic buccaneer up the lake, the hoarse croak of a raven comes to my ears, and so do the cries of black-headed gulls, none of which despise eggs for breakfast."

We, too, had eggs for breakfast—eggs obtained from the near-by farmhouse-hotel-shop-post-office and so on. We had tea, porridge, eggs, butter, marmalade and excellent bread as the meal with which to start our day's work. We wanted to explore the shores of Myvatn, we wanted to visit Slutnes, to look for a gyr-falcon's eyrie, visit that fantastic ravine called Dimmuborgir, seek harlequin ducks on the Laxa, interview snow buntings, Icelandic redwings and so on. Days are long in these northern realms (if the sun sets it is up again almost immediately), so that we could count on plenty of daylight. But we were not so sure of the sunlight. The weather here changes quickly: a warm and brilliant morning may become overcast, the lake may change from more than Mediterranean blue to a dull quicksilver, across which an Arctic wind roars to drive the white horses in headlong race and send the swarming flies into oblivion, only a black scum at the water's edge and a dark deposit on the ground being left to remind us of the buzzing myriads. So we made it our rule to start early and do all we could while we could, whether it was hunting for redwing nests in the scrub birch between the rocks or going out over the sulphur range, past those roaring, belching, spouts that steam fantastically into the sky, to seek a gyr-falcon's eyrie in a towering crag. With mewing cries, this finest of falcons would sail above, soaring, swooping and exhibiting her wing-power in a way that explains why in days of old, when falconry was the sport of kings, the gyr was the prized toy of the great ones of the earth.

With the cold wind blowing all the flies away, we sat on a cushion of *Dryas*, the weird Icelandic landscape like a map sketched in grey, blue, pink and yellow spread below us, and watched this grand bird, remembering what we had been told, namely, that for the moment the Icelandic race is doing quite well. Ptarmigan are numerous and gyrs accordingly prosperous, for the fortunes of the falcon are linked with those of the little mountain grouse, which forms the major part of its food. When ptarmigan wax plentiful, gyrs increase; where ptarmigan decrease, so do the gyrs.

The bird we were watching was a large light-coloured falcon, a typical specimen, I thought, of her race. The Iceland falcon is regarded as a subspecies of the gyr-falcon, and one of its characteristics is its paler colouring. It is curious that in the redwing the colour trend is in the reverse direction, the Icelandic form being darker than the typical race. I was much struck by the sooty appearance of the birds compared with the redwings of Norway and Sweden, but I hope to write about this on another occasion.

THE VOLCANIC ROCKS OF DIMMUBORGIR (DARK WORLD), A FAVOURITE HAUNT OF RAVENS

DEATH OF AN ANCIENT CROP

By JOHN L. JONES

FLAX grown for fibre has suffered more vicissitudes than any other agricultural crop grown in Britain. Now once again, when the barometer seemed set fair for the growers, another storm is brewing. It comes this time in the form of a Board of Trade announcement that the Home Flax Scheme is to end after the harvesting of the 1955 crop. While some modifications were expected in the terms of reference under which the crop has been grown, this drastic and total abandonment of home flax has come as a surprise to many farmers in Gloucestershire and Somerset who have been considering building flax into the farm rotation and investing in their own harvesting machinery. But, virtually speaking, flax-growing will now soon cease in Britain, and the blue flowers will disappear once again from the English harvest scene.

Flax has had a romantic history. It is one of our oldest farm crops and, apart from hemp, is the only textile plant that can be grown in England. It might almost be said to be indigenous to British fields. It was almost certainly grown in England before the Romans. Linen (and so, by implication, flax) feature frequently in Anglo-Saxon chronicles. It was a titheable, and therefore presumably a fairly widespread, crop as early as 1175. And it was probably the first example of compulsory cropping. It was law in the 16th century that a rood of flax should figure in each acre of tillage.

The first big boom in British flax came with the American Revolution, when about 24,000 acres were grown in England and 300,000 in Northern Ireland. At that time it is estimated that flax was grown in 78 British counties. But by the end of the 19th century cotton held sway, and fibre flax was once again in eclipse in England.

In the present century the fortunes of flax have been bound up with war. The Government scheme in the first World War put about ten thousand acres into flax for fibre, but with the post-war depression it fell again into the doldrums. It has been stated that by 1931 the only fibre-flax grown on English land was three acres on the Royal estate at Sandringham.

This relegation of flax to the Cinderella category of English farm crops has nothing to do with ecological factors. English soils and climate over a large part of the country are eminently suitable for flax. The reasons are to be found elsewhere. From the 15th to the 18th centuries it was undoubtedly due to the jealous monopoly of wool. This was the zenith age of the Golden Fleece. In more recent times, since the eclipse of English wool, the principal deterrent has been the enormous costliness of the crop in hand labour. As a result the main flax-exporting countries have tended to be those where lower living standards and a big reserve of peasant and casual labour keep down costs. Much of the world's best flax has come from Russia and the Baltic states; to-day it comes from Belgium.

A CROP OF FLAX, SUCH AS HAS BEEN GROWN IN ENGLAND SINCE SAXON TIMES. Although this field was badly laid by the rains this year, the remarkable recuperative power of the plant has saved it

With the second World War flax-growing in England and Wales entered on a new and revolutionary stage. Flax-fibre is a vital sinew of war—canvas, hose, aeroplane-fabric are a few products that spring to mind—but war is also a time of chronic labour shortage. The only solution for a sudden expansion of flax-growing lay in attempting to mechanise the immemorial labour of the flax fields. New vistas were opened when the first fleet of mechanical harvesters worked the English flax fields in the early summers of the war. The problem of mechanisation has been difficult to solve, as flax has to be pulled up by the roots as opposed to being cut. But it has been solved.

At the same time English flax-growers, faced with the problem of suddenly expanding into a large acreage, were able to reap the dividends from twenty years of research into flax-seed problems in Northern Ireland. Modern seeds, bearing the characteristically Irish names of Stormont Gossamer and Stormont Cirrhus, together with the Liral strains evolved by the Northern Ireland Linen Industry Research Association, are able to produce up to 50 per cent. more fibre than the seeds of twenty years ago. These two factors of crop mechanisation and seed improvement, coupled with the skill and experience gained from fifteen years of flax culture in peace and war, brought fibre-flax growing within the post-war profit-orbit of English farming.

The terms under which farmers grow their flax have certainly been attractive in the present climate of economic transition. Seed of guaranteed quality is provided by the flax-processing companies (they are Government-controlled), who also agree to purchase the crop at a fixed price of (this year) fourteen guineas a ton plus a bonus of eighteen shillings for every stone of fibre over 5 per cent. In addition, they provide the pulling machines, which cost up to a thousand pounds apiece, and also the hand labour for tying the pulled crop.

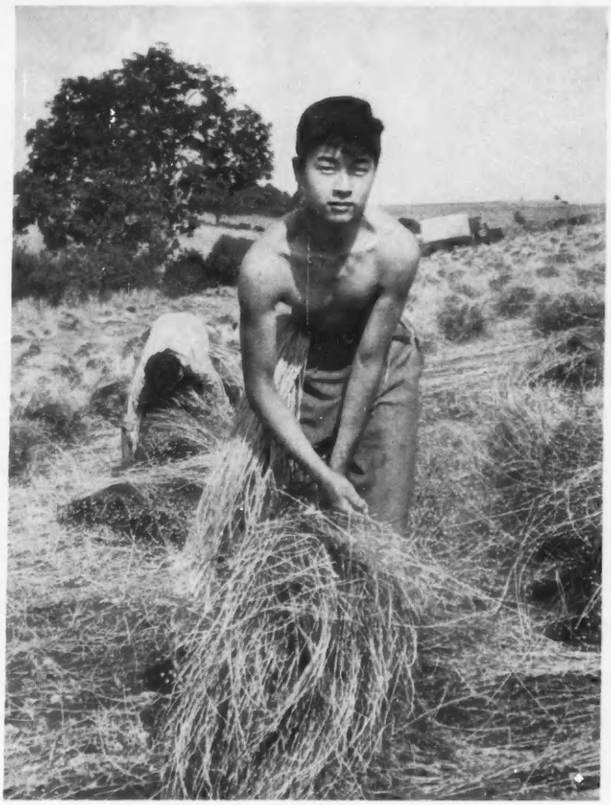
Farmers have found many advantages in growing flax as a rotation crop. It occupies the land for a relatively short period. I saw during this summer a crop of Gloucestershire

A MECHANICAL FLAX-PULLER IN ACTION

flax which had been in the soil only ninety-eight days and was yielding three tons to the acre. The seed was sown in April on a fine, firm seed-bed by a combine drill, drilling both ways. On an adjacent field it had been broadcast. The object in both cases had been the same: uniform, simultaneous germination of the seed, to ensure even maturity at pulling time. It is vital to get maximum ground-coverage, too—about one square inch to the plant is ideal—as flax, unlike cereals, does not cover the ground by tillering. An uneven, lumpy tilth will cut down yields by a third.

Flax is also an economical converter of fertility into cash, and takes much less from the field than a good crop of wheat. It is best grown under conditions of medium fertility, which diminish the chance of lodging. It favours a high potash status, ignores phosphates and reacts favourably with increased fibre yields to optimum dressings of nitrogen. It also demands a moderate rainfall and will not stand drought.

Flax grown for fibre and flax grown for the oil-bearing seed are different strains of the same plant. The one has been selectively bred for fibre, the other for maximum bolls of seed. The fibre-flax plant grows to three or four feet, with few side-shoots, while the plant bred for seed has been encouraged to proliferate its branches. The best-quality fibre is obtained from medium-sized stems grown in a moist summer like the recent one. The fibre-flax is pulled with the bolls still green. If it is pulled nearer maturity it gives a higher yield of fibre, but is of coarser quality. Both crops, however, are to some extent dual-yielding. The seed of fibre-flax has a commercial value, as has also the fibre of linseed flax.



A CHINESE STUDENT, VISITING THIS COUNTRY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO, HELPING TO HARVEST FLAX IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Because so much of the ease and success of factory processing, and indeed of the quality of the final product, depends on the way the crop is grown and handled in harvesting there is the closest liaison between the farmer and the factory fieldman at all stages. The straw must be undamaged in the pulling by the ingenious gripping belts of the machine, which lays it in a long endless wake neatly on the field. The big hazards are lodging and weeds, but the machines are adjustable to the height of the crop and grip above the height of most weeds, as they lift the straw into position for pulling. In a day of good going with a reasonably upstanding and clean crop the best machines can pull twelve acres or more. By hand a moderately efficient worker would pull about one acre in a week.

After pulling, the "beeting" or putting into sheaves is done by hand, though there are some self-tying binders in use. The usual method is for the flax swathes to be roughly broken into bundles which are tied and shocked by those following behind. Care must be taken to keep the ends straight. When mature, the sheaves are either hauled away direct to the factory or more probably stacked near a hard road for easy winter haulage.

Flax serves the farmer well, too, in that it is a good first crop from grass where fertility is not too high, for it is completely immune to wireworm attack, which is often the bane of post-pasture cropping. It is also left alone by the rabbits. It does, however, have its own pests, and the worst of these is the decimating fungus known as flax-rust. The attacks are most prevalent where flax-growing is an established husbandry, for it seldom attacks crops on new land. It is first apparent in the spring, when the characteristic orange-coloured pustules erupt on the leaves, stems and flowers of the plant. The spores break through the outer skin in the form of an orange-tinted powder which is spread by the wind and other contact agents. The infection is known to have its origins in fragments of infected plants which may litter the staddles of old ricks or unploughed debris. Scrupulous after-husbandry and lengthy separation of the flax fields in the rotation are the two main precautions, as well, of course, as the early sowing of disease-resistant seed. The inroads of the fungus render the stems liable to break at the point of attack and, as in cereals, greatly retard the growth and cut down the yield.

More than most, perhaps, flax is a crop for clean land. I saw one forty-acre crop in Gloucestershire this year which, apart from being badly laid, was infested with persicaria and thistles. It was almost certain to be rejected. Spraying can help to a certain extent, but fibre-flax cannot stand without loss of fibre the spray concentrations that linseed can stand without loss of seed. The secret of success lies in scrupulous husbandry before and after cultivations.

Flax has undoubtedly been a profitable crop to grow where good husbandry has given a warranty of high-quality fibre. There has certainly been much enthusiasm among West Country growers and about a fifth of the present national acreage of sixteen thousand has been grown this year in Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. The feeling there at the axeing of the crop is that price adjustments could have been made.

From the national point of view there would seem to be a case for the retention of some flax-growing. Then, in any emergency, a rapid expansion of the industry could be quickly and economically extemporised. The lesson of the last war was that experience once lost is enormously costly to regain.

[*The decision to discontinue the Home Flax Scheme is commented on in* Farming Notes *on page* 1093.—ED.]

BUNDLING AND TYING THE PULLED FLAX. (*Righ.*) A FLAX SHEAF, KNOWN AS A BEET

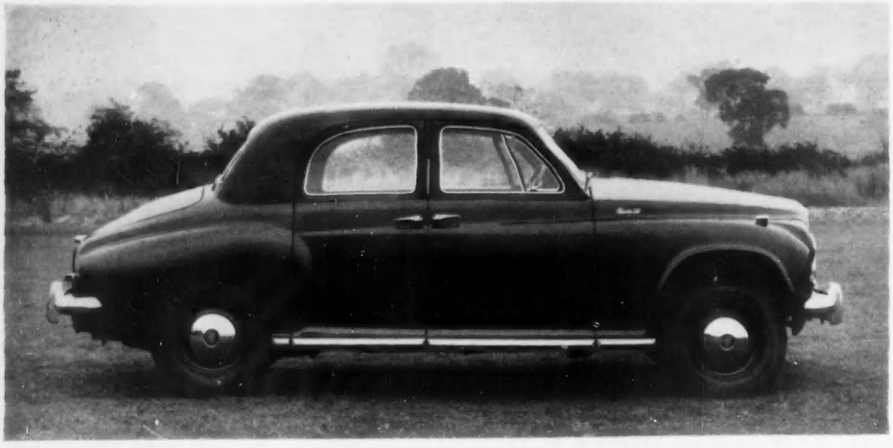
CARS DESCRIBED

THE ROVER 90

By J. EASON GIBSON

ALMOST exactly a year ago the existing Rover 75 model was supplemented by the addition of a four-cylinder 60 and a larger six-cylinder 90 model. The four-cylinder version I have already reported on—in COUNTRY LIFE of May 13—and recently I have carried out a full test of the 90. Although the same body-pressings are used for all three models, and the external dimensions are similar, there are detailed differences in the fittings and trim of the 90. While the four-cylinder 60 is intended primarily for those who require fuel economy, the 90 is meant for those who have a greater interest in performance. The car is available with alternative gear-ratios of 3.9 : 1 and 4.3 : 1, and I elected to test that with the 4.3 : 1 ratio, on the grounds that it was the more suitable for average British conditions. With the higher ratio the maximum speed and high-speed fuel-consumption would be improved slightly, but the lower ratio gives better acceleration and top-gear performance.

The six-cylinder engine has a capacity of 2,638 c.c., and delivers a maximum power of 90 at 4,500 r.p.m. The combustion-space is of such a shape, owing to the use of overhead-inlet and side-exhaust valves, as to allow a high-compression ratio to be used, while at the same time



THE ROVER 90 SALOON. **Despite the roominess of its interior, this car is remarkably compact, and all seats are well within the wheelbase**

employing relatively weak mixtures. Consequently good fuel-consumption figures are obtainable. The cooling system, which is thermostatically controlled, is designed so that maximum cooling is directed to the areas around the exhaust valve seats and the sparking plugs. As well as a suction-gauze on the oil-pump intake, a full-flow filter is incorporated in the lubrication system. The oil-filler is high up on the valve-rocker box, where it can be easily reached for topping up. The dip-stick is of a sensibly generous length. As the chassis is similar to that used on the model 60, the longer and heavier engine of the 90 causes a larger proportion of weight to be carried on the front wheels.

The feature of the chassis which interests most drivers is that it requires very little maintenance. There are only four grease nipples on the car, all on the propeller shaft. All other bearings on the chassis are either fitted with rubber bushes, which require no lubrication, or in-built oil-reservoirs which require only infrequent attention. One of the motorist's principal worries is thus eliminated, and, in addition, an appreciable reduction in service-station bills is effected if a large annual mileage is covered. The frame is of welded box-section, and rubber mountings are interposed between it and the body. A divided propeller shaft is used. This enables a low floor-line to be used without causing awkward humps in the rear compartment. The central bearing of the propeller shaft is mounted in rubber, to prevent any vibration's being transmitted into the car. The front independent suspension is by coil-spring and wishbone, while that at the rear is through long semi-elliptic springs enclosed in grease-packed gaiters. The rear springs are of the progressive-rate type, which helps to prevent the ride from changing under different loads.

Apart entirely from the manner in which the car performs on the road, much of the pride of ownership among Rover owners, who seem to remain faithful to the make for many years, is created by the quality and finish of the body-work and its fittings. If need be, three can be carried abreast on both front and rear seats, but the body is intended as a roomy four-seater, and, with the folding central arm-rests down on both seats, there is still room for the passengers to change position slightly on a long run. The finish of the smallest item of equipment is as good as the most important portions, and the makers have achieved an air of luxury without descending to the use of mere ornaments or plated embellishments. The instruments are black, with white figures, which by both day and night are more easily read than the fancy types so often fitted. A good point is that the indicating needle of the speedometer is transparent for a part of its length, so that the mileage figure can be seen at any time. Two large cubby-holes are provided, and the lids open to a horizontal position to allow them to be used as tables for glasses. The clock is well placed, centrally on the fascia, where anyone in the car can see it. Continental practice has been followed in the switches for lights and traffic indicators. The traffic indicators are worked by a small lever beneath the steering-wheel, of such a length that it is easily worked by the finger tips, without the need to release the wheel.

The ingenuity of the lighting arrangements deserves a full description. A master switch on the instrument panel switches on the side and tail lights, and makes all other lights available, but to switch on the headlights it is necessary to flick over a tiny switch placed alongside the trafficator switch. In addition there is a normal dipping switch beside the left foot. The advantage of this system is that the lights, in the dipped or the raised position, can be used without inconvenience either in town or on the open road as a signal at intersections. This small feature is evidence of the trouble taken by the manufacturers to provide trouble-free motoring.

One needs only a few miles' drive on the road to discover other reasons for the pride Rover owners have in their car. After only a little experience with the 90 one can believe that every feature of the design has been selected after careful deliberation; nothing seems to have been accepted as "good enough." With some flow-production cars one does not feel too worried if occasionally one drives clumsily, but with the Rover one feels it only right to drive skilfully and well at all times: it is a fine car that makes one feel that it would be wrong to let it down.

Although opinions about the free wheel vary from motorist to motorist, I personally regard it as an almost essential part of the Rover. With the free wheel in use the car is, in effect, in neutral the moment one releases the accelerator, and remains so until the throttle is opened again. In normal motoring it is surprising what a large proportion of one's total mileage can be covered while the car is coasting. Naturally it takes a little time to become fully accustomed to the use of the free wheel, because, as there is no braking effect from the engine, it is necessary to close the throttle a greater distance before a corner or the like. The free wheel can be locked out and the transmission system is then normal. Apart from the fascination of motoring in complete silence, the free wheel makes an appreciable difference to fuel consumption.

The extra power of the model 90 gives the car a much more lively performance than the 60, and, as a large proportion of the power is developed at low engine-speeds, the top-gear performance is very good. No matter whether full throttle is given at low speeds on top gear, or the car run up to its maxima on the lower gears, it remains mechanically smooth and silent, and it is only as the speed approaches the maximum that wind roar becomes obvious. Probably owing to the greater weight on the front wheels, the model 90 does not handle so nicely as its smaller brother, and, although the average owner driving at normal speeds will probably not notice any shortcomings, some skill has to be used to get the best out of the car if high speeds are attempted on twisty roads.

During the course of my test 254 miles were covered on exactly 10 gallons—a consumption of 25.4 m.p.g. This mileage included about 200 miles of fast main-road motoring—but with the free wheel in use—and the balance in town and suburban driving. This is a very good figure for such a car, if it is borne in mind that it is not among the lightest. An additional 100 miles of the test, which included obtaining the performance figures, were done with the free wheel locked, and the consumption averaged 20.8 m.p.g. While the driving position is very comfortable, I would prefer to have the squab of the front seat shaped more definitely to give some lateral support on corners. A good feature, incidentally, is that either the front or the back of the seat can be adjusted for height, and without interfering with the adjustment for differing leg-lengths.

It would be wrong to compare the Rover with other cars, as, although it is a quality car, its price, dimensions, performance and economy place it in a class in which there are no comparable vehicles. And there is one very notable thing about it: most purchasers will keep it for much longer than is customary nowadays.

THE ROVER 90

Makers: The Rover Co., Birmingham.

SPECIFICATION

Price	£1,297 7s. 6d. (including P.T. £382 7s. 6d.)	Brakes	Lockheed hydraulic
Cubic cap.	2,638 c.c.	Suspension	Independent (front)
B: S	73.025:105 mm.	Wheelbase	9 ft. 3 ins.
Cylinders	Six	Track (front)	4 ft. 4 ins.
Valves	Overhead inlet	Track (rear)	4 ft. 3½ ins.
B.H.P.	90 at 4,500 r.p.m.	Overall length	14 ft. 10½ ins.
Carb.	S.U.	Overall width	5 ft. 5⅝ ins.
Ignition	Coil	Overall height	5 ft. 3¾ ins.
Oil filter	Full-flow	Ground clearance	7 ins.
1st gear	14.51:1	Turning circle	37 ft.
2nd gear	8.79:1	Weight	28½ cwt.
3rd gear	5.92:1	Fuel cap.	11½ galls.
4th gear	4.3:1	Oil cap.	15 pints
Final drive	Hypoid bevel	Water cap.	21 pints
		Tyres	Avon 6.00 x 15

PERFORMANCE

Acceleration	secs.	secs.
30-50	Top 10.2	3rd 8.3
40-60	Top 12.1	3rd —
0-60 (all gears)	18.9 secs.	

BRAKES: 30 to 0 in 35 ft. (86 per cent. efficiency)

Max. speed 82.1 m.p.h.

Petrol consumption 23.5 m.p.g. at 45 m.p.h.

CORRESPONDENCE

GOLD-MINING IN BRITAIN

SIR,—Your readers who saw the photograph of the gold mine at Dolaucothy, Carmarthenshire, published in COUNTRY LIFE of September 16 may be interested to know that I have what may be the last ounce of gold extracted from this mine.

I understand that the workings were re-opened and a small portion refined in readiness for the Coronation, but it was not required and I obtained it from the Court Jewellers. Although in crucible state and in three pieces, it seems quite a hard metal of medium colour; I have a signet ring from the same source which has had to be reinforced only once in over thirty years. It has no hall-mark, as I understand that 22 carat is the highest mark; this is, presumably, 24.—E. H. C. D. LLOYD-DAVIES, *Guards Club*, 16, *Charles-street, W.*1.

CAN YOU BEAT EEET?

SIR,—In the churchyard at Brigstock, Northamptonshire, two adjacent headstones record the survival over a century (1756-1856) of the surname Eeet. The parish records apparently support this. Can this example of a triplicated vowel be explained or paralleled?—A. L. N. RUSSELL, *Dewlands, Cranleigh, Surrey.*

A BUS SHELTER IN THE COTSWOLDS

SIR,—Your readers may be interested to see the accompanying photograph, taken in the Cotswold village of Farmington. This modern bus shelter of Cotswold stone has been built by local men in their spare time—except for the roof, which required expert craftsmanship. The traditional design fits in with the architecture of the village and shows what imagination and artistry can do.—MARY HANNA, *Hetton Cottage, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.*

MEDICAL BYGONES

SIR,—In your issue of August 12 Mrs. M. Jones describes cupping glasses and mentions a bottle of methylated spirit and brass lamp, in the doctor's box, which "were no doubt for sterilising." Perhaps they were—but another use for the spirit is possible.

I was taught that in the operation of dry cupping a few drops of methylated spirit were placed in the cup. This was then set alight, and just before the spirit burned away the cup was placed firmly on the desired part. The flame was extinguished by lack of air after a few seconds, and the resultant vacuum caused the skin to be drawn up into the cup. This rather chancy practice is, of course, no longer in general use, and medicinal leeches are rare. The emphasis in medicine to-day is rather on blood replacement than blood letting.—DENNIS WALKER, *Shepherd's Down, The Ridgeway, Friston, Sussex.*

SCENTED DELPHINIUMS

SIR,—In COUNTRY LIFE of September 15 Mr. N. Dain asks whether any scented delphinium is known.

In 1923 I was in Abyssinia, chiefly at Addis Ababa, and collected seeds of wild delphiniums. I raised plants of a graceful blue species, which flowered in the open air in Surrey and had a delicious smell of lilies of the valley, noticed by everybody. The plants survived one winter or possibly two. I think that Kew gave it the name *D. Welbyi*.—FLORA RUSSELL (Miss), *East Hills, Albury, Guildford, Surrey.*

TOMBSTONES AT BRIGSTOCK, IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, THAT RECORD THE SURNAME EEET

See letter: Can You Beat Eeet?

SIGNED FURNITURE

SIR,—With reference to the recent correspondence about the cabinet-maker M. Willson, I have a fine architect's table, with a double-lift top fall-down front, secret drawers inside, and pedestal cupboards with trays each side of the kneehole, obviously dating from the early 19th century. On the edge of the fall-down front is stamped the name: "M. Willson": and on the other side of the lock is: "68 Great Queen Street."

London Furniture Makers by Sir Ambrose Heal is a wonderful working tool, but, of course, it does not contain anything like every name of those in the furniture trade from the 17th to the early part of the 19th century. I have a lot of bills and papers in my library here and engraved billheads of those not included.—H. L. BRADFER-LAWRENCE, *Sharow End, Ripon, Yorkshire.*

MURDERERS' LEATHER

SIR,—Mr. Elmhirst's article, *Murderers' Leather* in your issue of September 9 recalls the monstrous story of Nana Prempeh, of the Gold Coast. He is reputed to have ordered the slaying of a number of his braves so that their skins might adorn his furniture. It may be remembered that after giving the English soldiery a long and troublesome run for their money he was captured and banished to the Seychelles, where he was converted to Christianity. On his release and return to his own country he became a churchwarden. His son, John, was ordained and until his death was parish priest of Saltponds.—H. N. VINCENT TONKS (Rt. Rev.), *Leybourne Rectory, West Malling, Kent.*

NANA PREMPEH, OF THE GOLD COAST, WHO HAD SOME OF HIS SUBJECTS MURDERED FOR THEIR SKINS

See letter: Murderers' Leather

THE INTERLOPER

SIR,—In the spring a pair of linnets built their nest in a small bush of box in the garden, but deserted it after two eggs had been laid. Later I removed the eggs, but left the nest. Recently I found that there was a full-grown frog in the nest, apparently quite happy, as he has remained there except for one hot, sunny day, and even then he was back again next morning. I had not looked at the nest recently, and he may have been using it for some time. It is two feet from the ground in very twiggy branches, not at all like his usual resting-place—the shallow drinking dish for the tortoise who has been with us for 30 years.

Is it usual for frogs in this country to take such strange resting-places?—JANET CROOKS (Mrs.), 5, *Boxgrove-avenue, Guildford, Surrey.*

[This sounds to us more like the behaviour of a toad, which we have known to make itself at home in a disused birds' nest, than of a frog. The toad is usually attached to its home, returning to its accustomed nook after every outing. The frog is more nomadic. A linnet's nest is certainly not an ordinary resting-place for either.—ED.]

ORIGINS OF PLACE-NAMES

SIR,—I read with considerable interest the article by Geoffrey Grigson on the origins of place-names (September 9), in which the author refers to a group of names like Clatford, Cloford, Clatworthy and Claverton in Somerset as having been derived from a water-plant. Some place-names may be easily and reasonably interpreted, but not so in the case of Claverton, near Bath. I cannot for one moment associate the derivation of the name Claverton with a plant, whether it be water-lily or clover.

The source of this place-name must be sought for in Saxon history and not in natural history, however conclusive it may seem. After the western advance of the Saxons in 755 the Cymric-Celts in this Avon valley gradually became absorbed into the Saxon kingdom, both socially and economically. English settlements were established around Bath at Inglesbatch and Englishcombe, as these place-names suggest. Celtic life continued to survive on the local downs and many of the survivors of Romano-British origin became a subordinate class as dependants or servants of the Saxon landowners. Here and there they collected themselves into village groups.

Now the memory of such a large agricultural community under an English landlord is preserved in the name of Claverton, where the lord as *Hlaford* is the master of a plentiful household and his *Hlafæta* who depended on him for daily bread lived within an enclosed settlement or *ton*.

In Danish-Saxon the H is dropped

BUS SHELTER BUILT OF LOCAL MATERIALS AT FARMINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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A BREAD RACK IN MILTON ERNEST CHURCH, BEDFORDSHIRE
See letter: Bread-giving Charities

or it is changed into C; Ch; or K, hence the name *Clafaeton*, now Claverton. Traces of the English open-field system of cultivation can still be seen from the air on the downs of Claverton and Bathampton.—REGINALD W. M. WRIGHT, 4, *Forester-road, Bathwick, Bath.*

A FORGOTTEN LOCAL INDUSTRY

SIR,—Mr. G. B. Hughes's recent letter about japanned work-tables made by Jennens and Bettridge prompts me to send these photographs of the almost forgotten papier-mâché industry of Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. A building called The Hollies, now converted into flats, was the workshop of a versatile village entrepreneur, James Mills, who, besides papier mâché, was concerned with the manufacture of needles and agricultural machinery. From The Hollies came the iron tray mould and the smaller toilet tray of similar design now owned by Mr. Alec Bryan, of Welford, of which I enclose a photograph.

Mr. Alec Bryan possesses also an indenture, dated 1816, of Josiah Woodward, who was apprenticed to Aaron Jennens and John Bettridge, of Birmingham, japanners and partners. Since Woodward was a Welford man, it is likely that he worked for Mills, who died in 1840, and so influenced the characteristics of Welford ware.

Several local households possess trays, vases, panels, violin-cases and chests-of-drawers, suggesting that Mills's output was both varied and considerable, and the enclosed photograph of a panel inlaid with mother-of-pearl, owned by Miss Dorothy Hawkins, suggests that it was of good quality. I have seen, too, a circular work-table of his making, which has a curious mechanism, since the fitted compartment beneath the table top is opened by sliding it down the central column.—MARGARET JONES (Mrs.), 32, *Forest-road, Moseley, Birmingham*, 13.

BREAD-GIVING CHARITIES

SIR,—Your recent correspondence about bread-giving charities brought to my mind the old bread rack in Milton Ernest Church, Bedfordshire, of which I enclose a photograph. As one enters the church, the rack will be seen on the facing wall. This charity dates from 1729 and is still observed. Loaves of bread are given out every Sunday (note the loaf in one of the pigeon-holes).—P. H. LOVELL, 28, *Albury-drive, Pinner, Middlesex.*

A FEAST OF ANTS

SIR,—I was on the point of entering the open doorway of my small greenhouse recently when I disturbed a spotted flycatcher attracted there by flying ants which I had previously noticed. I retired to allow the bird to recover from its initial fright, and it remained inside, hovering and catching ants, for over an hour, although I was in close proximity meanwhile mowing my lawn. Has any of your readers had a similar experience with these birds?—G. E. GILLINGHAM, 21, *Orchard Estate, Ely, Cambridgeshire.*

THE PROBLEM OF MYXOMATOSIS

SIR,—If Mr. Day lived in the west Midlands, the Welsh Marches, Wales, or south-west England, he would find that there are few places where the long net can be successfully used (August 26). The only answer to rabbits in these parts is to use snares, ferrets or possibly gas. All these methods are horribly cruel—probably worse than the gin—but at least they do not injure the bird life of this country. Quantities of birds are killed or injured by gins, and, if Mr. Day is a true lover of birds, he should welcome myxomatosis. Let us hope that this disease will do away with the wild rabbits once and for all.

Finally, why does Mr. Day think that modern farmers are lazier than their grandfathers, of whom he writes so warmly in his books? I fear that he, like me, must be getting old.—R. ABEL SMITH, *Netherwood Manor, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.*

ROBERT MYLNE AT GREAT AMWELL

SIR,—May I endorse Mr. Pickford's recommendation of Great Amwell's charms and add something to his descriptions (September 9)?

Robert Mylne, who was engineer to the New River Company for half a century, made Amwell in Hertfordshire his base for some time before deciding to retire there. He purchased much land in and around the village, building himself an unusual house, known as Amwell Grove, with a chimney-stack at each corner. This house still remains, but the corner stacks have been sacrificed for a further floor, which is most unfortunate. I enclose a drawing showing its original state.

Mylne rented a cottage—Rose Cottage—below the pool each summer for some years until the Grove was ready for occupation. He had built a small cottage, with the family crest still to be seen on the gable end, at the east side of the pool for his son, William Chadwell Mylne, who succeeded him as engineer to the New River Company, and who later built himself Flint House, in the garden of which now stands the column from Blackfriars Bridge, illustrated by Mr. Pickford.

Mylne also put up the house on the south side of the pool, which again was unusual in that the ends were both bowed while the interior was equipped with fittings described by Mylne as "architect's perquisites." The upper part of this house, called Amwell Mount, was burnt down many years ago and has been rebuilt in an undistinguished manner.

Finally, Mylne was responsible for the design and erection of the urn on the island in the pool, as well as for the pulpit in the church. This was made from the old sounding-board from St. Paul's Cathedral, of which Mylne was surveyor for the same half century. To-day his great-great-granddaughter still lives in the village.

The New River, one of London's water supplies, is fed from the Chadwell spring near Ware, from the river Lea and from what is left of Emma's Well or Amwell Spring.—CHRISTOPHER GOTCH, 30, *Greenhill, N.W.3.*

SKETCH OF AMWELL GROVE, HERTFORDSHIRE, BUILT BY ROBERT MYLNE FOR HIMSELF IN 1795
See letter: Robert Mylne at Great Amwell

A TURRET-CLOCK FROM GOPSALL

SIR,—Can you give me any information about a turret-clock which I have recently bought and erected and which came from a specially built clock-tower at Gopsall Hall, Leicestershire, which was built by Charles Jennens in 1760 and demolished in 1951? It consists of an iron frame, 3 ft. 4½ ins. long by 2 ft. 7 ins. high, containing two trains, with large (1 ft. diameter) brass drums and a massive pendulum 7 ft. 6 in. long. Attached to the frame is a brass plate inscribed:

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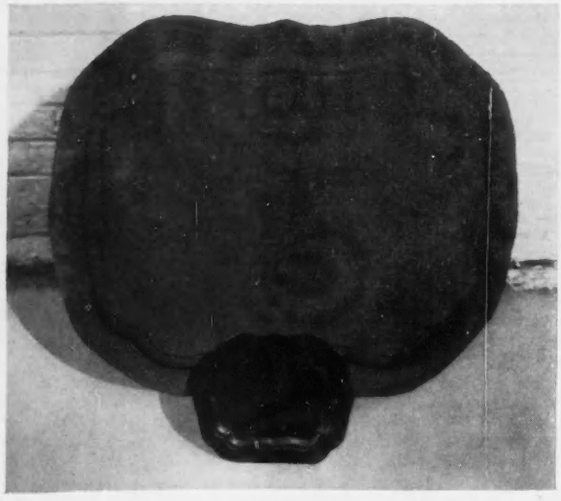
AND NEW ESCAPEMENT, PENDULUM, PULLIES, WEIGHT &
HAMMER MADE BY
THOMAS MUDGE
B. L. VULLIAMY A.D. 1842
LONDON
MDCCLIII.

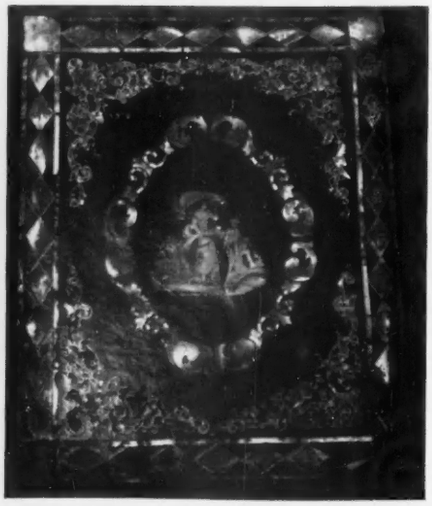
The name "Vulliamy, London," appears on the pendulum.

The two faces, only one of which I have been able to erect, are 3 ft. in diameter and made of slate. I should be much interested to know the history of such a clock. Was this one specially made for Gopsall Hall? What was the cost of a clock of this type, and who were Thomas Mudge and B. L. Vulliamy?

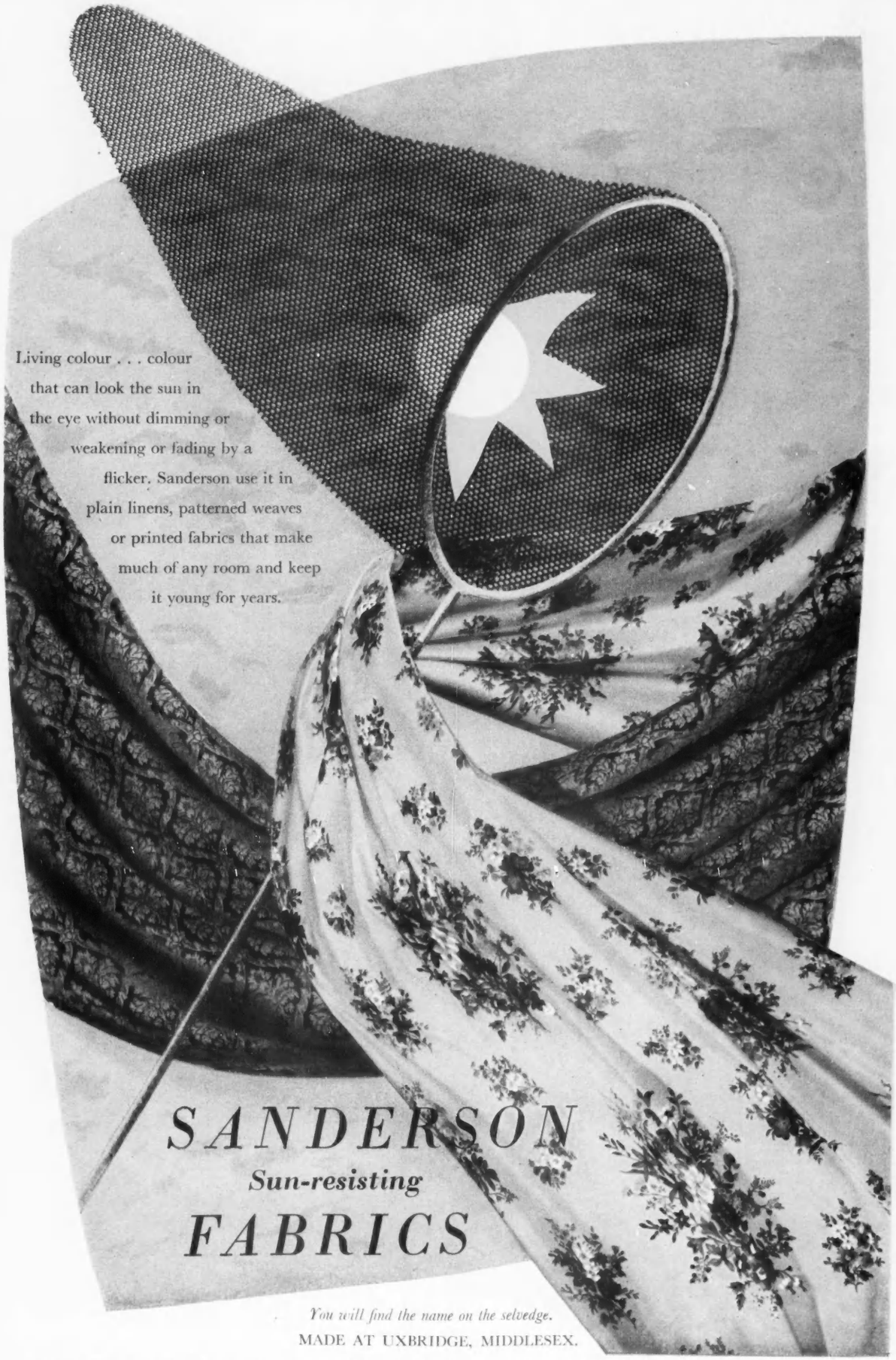
I might add that the clock is in perfect order and has been giving good service for the last two years in its new home over a garage.—J. W. HART, *Iveagh House, Measham, near Burton-on-Trent.*

[Mr. R. W. Symonds, whom we consulted, writes: This clock was made by the eminent maker of clocks and watches, Thomas Mudge (1715-94). He was apprenticed to the famous George Graham, for whom he afterwards worked. In 1751, after Graham's death, he started up in business on his own in Fleet-street. The date (1753) when, according to the inscription, Mudge made this turret-clock, was seven years before the building of the





IRON MOULD FOR MAKING PAPIER-MACHE TRAYS AT WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE. BELOW IT IS A TOILET TRAY. (*Right*) PANEL INLAID WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL
See letter: A Forgotten Local Industry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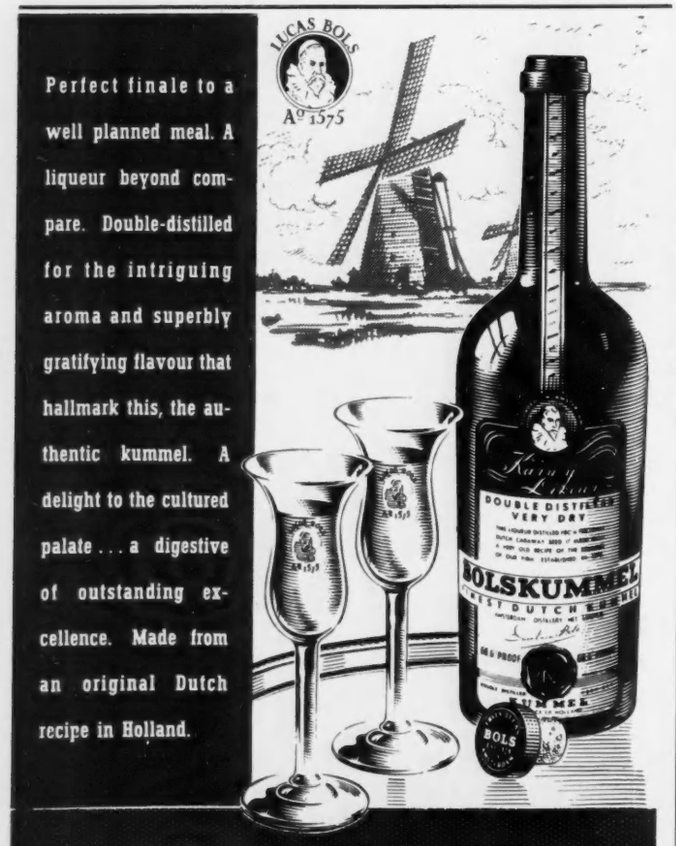

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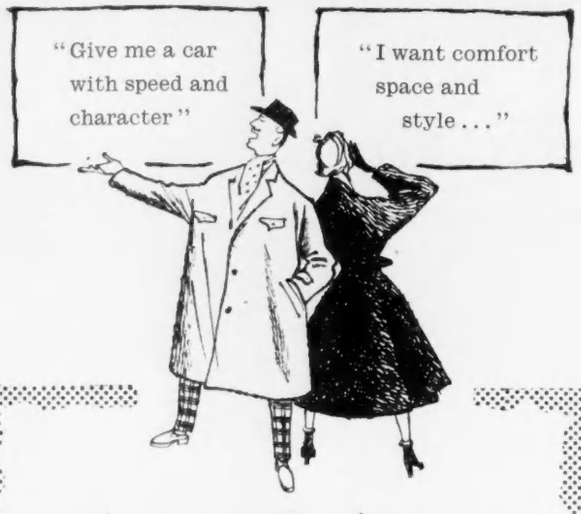

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house, so that, if not erected until 1760, it is not likely to have been intended for it, unless there was a delay in setting up the clock after the order had been given. Benjamin Lewis Vulliamy (1780-1854), who repaired the clock in 1842, also rose to considerable eminence in his craft and was clock-maker to George IV. His premises were in Pall Mall. The following are some of Vulliamy's charges for turret clocks. December 8, 1801. A turret clock, number 385, "delivered to J. Heathcote Esq." It had a pendulum with a beat of two seconds; the dial was of copper, painted black and gold, with gilded hands. Total cost, £79 9s. 8d. October 16, 1820. A turret clock, number 748, for Oriel College, Oxford. This clock had a deadbeat escapement and maintaining power; the pendulum rod was of teak and the hands of copper. Total cost, £115 13s. 1d. August 4, 1827. A "large 8 day Turret Clock" for Norwood Church. Number 941. Total cost, £297 1s. 4d. A quarter-striking clock, number 900, for the "New Pimlico" (?), including three bells, cost £247 12s. 6d.—ED.]

LATE-NESTING SWALLOWS

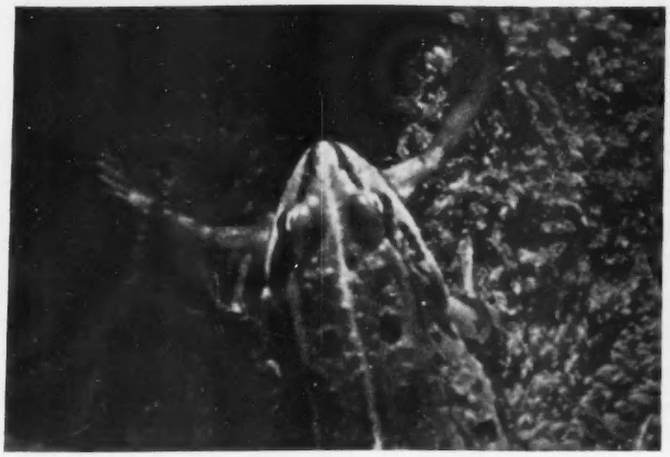
SIR,—On September 11 I was surprised to come across a swallow's nest containing three nearly fully fledged young. Surely these birds will not be strong enough to undertake the autumn migration. The site of the nest was unusual, being in the corner of the porch of Freshwater (Isle of Wight) railway station and unsupported by a beam. It was within easy reach of a person of average height and, although the railway serving the station is now closed, the entrance is used by people booking for coach tours. There were two more empty nests in the porch, but these were built in the usual way, supported by beams.—P. M. SYNGE, *Ferndale House, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, Somerset.*

[Swallows that are on the wing by mid-September or thereabouts should have no difficulty in migrating successfully. It is those (usually third broods) that do not leave the nest until well into October whose chances may be slender if the weather is unfavourable.—ED.]

THE VORACIOUS EDIBLE FROG

SIR,—In a letter which you published on October 22, 1953, I mentioned that I had observed several attacks by edible frogs (*Rana esculenta*) in captivity on common frogs (*R. temporaria*) and toads (*Bufo bufo*) about two-thirds their own size, and that two common frogs were eventually swallowed whole. The edible frogs in question subsequently died as a result of the very severe winter at the beginning of this year, and were found to be females measuring 85-90 mm. in length (the common frogs must have measured about 60 mm.).

It may be of interest to some of your readers to see a photograph, taken at the time, showing an edible frog in the process of consuming a common frog, whose hind-legs alone may still be seen projecting like a handle-bar moustache from the mouth of its voracious assailant.—R. H. AHRENFELDT, *Binsted Place, near Alton, Hampshire.*



AN EDIBLE FROG CONSUMING A COMMON FROG, OF WHICH ONLY THE LEGS CAN BE SEEN

See letter: The Voracious Edible Frog

17th-CENTURY STAINED GLASS

SIR,—I was surprised to discover a series of small Flemish picture windows of stained glass in the church of St. Mary at Patrixbourne, Kent. They seem to have been placed in the church during last century.

The figures are remarkably well portrayed, the long, loose gowns, mantles, long hose, and tight-fitting leggings being typical of Dutch work around the early 17th century. The brushwork has been beautifully executed. Scenery and figures are delicately outlined in brown enamel, and the framework to each scene is heightened with red, blue, green and vivid yellow enamel and stain.

Some earlier work, of the mid-16th century, can be seen in the same window, and it is interesting to compare the different techniques used. The brilliance of the potmetals employed in the colouring of the earlier work is missed, for the supply of this material (mainly from France) failed as the result of the persecution of the Huguenot glass-makers.

THREE PANELS OF STAINED GLASS, DATED 1670, BY THE SWISS GLASS-PAINTER, HANS CASPAR GALLATI, IN PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH, KENT

See letter: 17th-century Stained Glass

Each picture window represents an episode from the Scriptures. I am especially attracted by the fine portrayal of the Nativity, the whole scene being contained in a leaded panel only 10 ins. by 7 ins. The other two scenes are equally interesting, but are more difficult to interpret. Perhaps your readers could suggest their significance.—GERALD D. BAKER, *4, Tudor-road, Canterbury, Kent.*

[Mr. Bernard Rackham, whom we consulted about this glass, informs us that the panels of which Mr. Baker has sent photographs are not Flemish, but Swiss, painted by Hans Caspar Gallati, of Wyl, Canton Glarus. Panels by this glass-painter to be seen in various museums and private collections bear dates ranging from 1667 to 1680. There are panels dated 1675 in the Victoria and Albert Museum. The subject of the first panel is the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to John the Baptist (*Matthew*, iii 7); the scene in the third panel seems to relate to an incident in monastic (perhaps Franciscan) history.—ED.]

COACHES PASSING AT NIGHT

SIR,—I have only recently seen your issue of June 10 and was much interested by the painting of coaches passing at night. I have an almost identical picture, which, I should say, is another version by the same artist. People have told me that it is probably by Cooper Henderson, but I have always doubted it, as the canvas and wooden frame indicate an earlier period.

My version has slight variations. The on-coming team is not descending so steeply, and on the back of the departing coach I can discern "Exeter-London," instead of "York Bull and Mouth, London," as on the picture illustrated by you. I have a companion picture, equally well painted, of a single coach at night, sideways on at the gallop. They make a fine pair, and I should much like to know who the artist was.—O. G. BODY (Col.), *16, The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire.*

DISCIPLINE IN THE SERVANTS' HALL

SIR,—I have recently been looking once again at the article on Hatchlands, Surrey (September 17, 1953), to study the curious set of rules and orders and the fines exacted for offences against them, which are painted on a large notice-board hanging up in the servants' hall.

Regulations of a similar kind appear on the walls of the old servants' hall at the Mansion House, London; and, having been commissioned to prepare an account of the Mansion House for publication by the City Corporation, I should be grateful for any information your readers can give of similar notices in the domestic quarters of ancient houses elsewhere.—H. CLIFFORD SMITH, *25, Campden-grove, Kensington, W.8.*

A VILLAGE OF MANSIONS

By HUGH HONOUR

ON the high ground overlooking the River Calder, the smoking stacks, new power station and blackened houses of Wakefield stands the village of Heath. It is built round a spacious green and consists of an Elizabethan hall, four predominantly Georgian houses and a few cottages. As Wakefield grew increasingly prosperous in the 17th and 18th centuries rich merchants, who wished to live within three miles of their town, built houses here. But as Wakefield began to swallow up the surrounding country the houses were deserted; one is now empty and in a dangerous condition, another has been turned into a warehouse, others are converted into flats. It is greatly to be hoped that the village will not be suffered to vanish altogether.

The most ancient of the houses, Heath Old Hall, stands some way back from the green, overlooking what must once have been a singularly impressive view. It was possible to see from its terrace the famous bridge chapel, and one can still perceive, if through a pall of smoke, the spire of the cathedral and the outline of the surrounding country. Although the Old Hall is generally said to have been built in 1568, no part of it can certainly be dated earlier than 1584, and it was probably finished in that year, shortly after Barlborough Hall, Derbyshire, which it closely resembles. The houses are practically twins, and Mr. John Summerson has suggested that they are both the work of Robert Smythson, who was responsible for Wollaton, Hardwick and the now vanished Worksop Manor.

In plan, Heath Old Hall is roughly square, measuring some 74 feet along each side and built round a small central court, originally open to the sky, but glazed over in the 19th century. It is of two storeys above a basement, but at either end of the south front tower-like bays rise to a third floor, and add to the picturesqueness of the outline, which is further enhanced by battlements. The central bay projects squarely and contains the main entrance. Except for one shallow bay and an oriel window on the west side the exterior is plain with heavily mullioned windows on the upper floor. Above the front door there are two shields, the upper carved with the arms of Queen Elizabeth I, the lower bearing those of John Kaye, the builder, quartering Dodsworth.

John Kaye purchased the Heath estate from Beatrice Tempest, whose husband had been involved in the Pilgrimage of Grace. Kaye was Deputy Steward of the Honour of Pontefract under Sir Henry Savile, whose daughter he took as his mistress. She bore him some seven children and is said to have been "almost the only lady in one of the great Yorkshire houses of the 16th century who has been handed down by the old genealogical writers . . . as having sullied the honour of her family." On John Kaye's death the house and estate passed to his son, who sold it to Lady Bolles (spelt occasionally Bowles or Bowells) between 1595 and 1604. She was twice widowed, and in 1635 a Nova Scotia baronetcy was conferred upon her to pass "to her heirs whatever." It was she who entertained, on Saturday, May 20, 1643, the Royalist officers quartered in Wakefield to a game of bowls—appropriately enough—which had disastrous consequences.

THE SOUTH FRONT OF HEATH OLD HALL, WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE. The village of Heath, though encroached upon by Wakefield, still contains a number of interesting houses grouped round a green

"There was a meeting at Heath Hall upon a Saturday at a bowling," wrote Dr. Nathaniel Johnston, "and most of the officers and the governor were there, and had spent the afternoon in drinking and were mostly drunk when the town was alarmed. It was fully taken by nine o'clock in the morning; and more prisoners were taken than forces that came against it." The writer may have been biased by Puritan sentiments, but if Lady Bolles had been overliberal she paid for it later; her bedding was plundered and she had Major-General John Lambert as an enforced tenant of the Hall. Her sense of hospitality was not diminished, however, and she provided in her strange will for her executors to keep open house during the six weeks between her death and funeral.

After the death of Lady Bolles, in 1662, Heath Old Hall descended through many hands and in 1809 had passed to Francis Faquier, who sold it to the Rt. Hon. John Smyth. From the late 1770s and possibly from 1730, when there was a sale of furniture, the house had been uninhabited or occupied by tenants, the most notable of whom was John Wombwell, a rich nabob, who lived there for some ten years from about 1777. From 1811 to 1821 the house was inhabited by French Benedictine nuns and it was later used as a girls' school. In 1865 Mr.—later Sir Edward—Green took it on a long lease and put it in good habitable order. His wife published privately a monograph on the Old Hall, from which I have drawn in writing this account.

THE JEZEBEL CHIMNEY-PIECE AT HEATH OLD HALL

Heath Old Hall had originally six main rooms and an ante-chamber on the ground floor. One of these has retained its oak panelling and may have been the only one thus furnished, but several plaster ceilings have survived, two of which are decorated with the Kaye crest. On the first floor there was a gallery running the whole length of the house on the south side. From it a small room led to the state chamber, which still contains the treasure of the place, a remarkable chimney-piece above which a representation of the death of Jezebel is carved in stone. The carving is in many ways similar to the chimney-pieces at Fountains Hall, which shows the Judgement of Solomon, and Burton Agnes, which is decorated with the story of the Wise and Foolish Virgins; these are well preserved, however, while that at Heath is hastening to decay.

During the tenancy of John Wombwell certain alterations were made to the rooms on the ground floor. He is responsible for the sash windows, classical chimney-pieces and doors. One room he caused to be decorated with delicate Gothick plasterwork, and he made a delightful little library out of the ante-chamber. It may be conjectured that he employed John Carr, who was at the time working for the Smyths on the far side of the green, to supervise this work. His alterations were, indeed, improvements, as they brought lightness and elegance to a house that was all too severe. The nuns made alterations of a less admirable character, dividing the long gallery into three rooms, as it has since remained, and the state chamber into two. The Jezebel chimney-piece was boarded up. Sir Edward Green was responsible for undoing much of what they had done and preserving both the Elizabethan and 18th-century features of the house. But the whole building is now in a sorry condition and looks as if it is unlikely to survive for much longer.

If the Old Hall is the most picturesque and interesting building at Heath, the new Hall, which stands on the other side of the green, is surely the most showily imposing. It was, until 1935, the property of the Smyth family, who gradually acquired an estate at Heath in the 18th century. The first John Smyth to be connected with the place came of a Bradford family, but made his fortune in Wakefield. He bought a house and land at Heath in 1707 and seven years later built a cold-bath, school-house and cottage. The cold-bath still stands, looking, in its mutilated condition, much like a Holy

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HEATH HOUSE, BUILT TO JAMES PAINE'S DESIGNS BETWEEN 1744 AND 1745. It is now divided into flats

Well, for which it has, no doubt, been mistaken. The third John Smyth, who continued the acquisitive policy of his predecessors, bought a house from a Mr. Skelton in 1753 and began to rebuild it in a grander manner in the next year, employing John Carr of York as his architect.

This house, now known as Heath Hall, was not completed until 1780, after Smyth's death, when his executors paid some £8,280 for the work. The fourth John Smyth, the most distinguished member of the family, was a Member of Parliament for Pontefract, a Privy Councillor and successively Lord of the Admiralty, Lord of the Treasury and Master of the Mint. When he completed the process of establishing the family at Heath by purchasing the Old Hall he was, for the first time, able to call his house Heath Hall, giving to the older the name by which it is now known.

Heath Hall is a house of two storeys with an attic, which dates partly from the 19th century. It is faced with local stone, though the masonry for much of the fine work is said to have been brought from Bath. The front facing the green has an engaged portico of four pilasters with the Smyth coat-of-arms finely carved within a cartouche in the pediment; on either side are deep bays characteristic of Carr's work. Round the roof there runs a balustrade decorated with urns. The side of the house facing away from the green is not without distinction, but quite plain. It is flanked by domestic blocks, each of which has a clock tower crowned by a shallow cupola resting on Corinthian columns. In Watt's *Views of Seats* (1820) it is said of the house that "though not exactly conformable to the present taste it may with propriety be considered as an elegant composition of architecture. It commands from the front extensive views of a fine country diversified by the river Calder and town of Wakefield." It is now let to the West Riding County Council and used as a warehouse; every room is shelved from floor to ceiling and no idea of the interior decoration can be obtained.

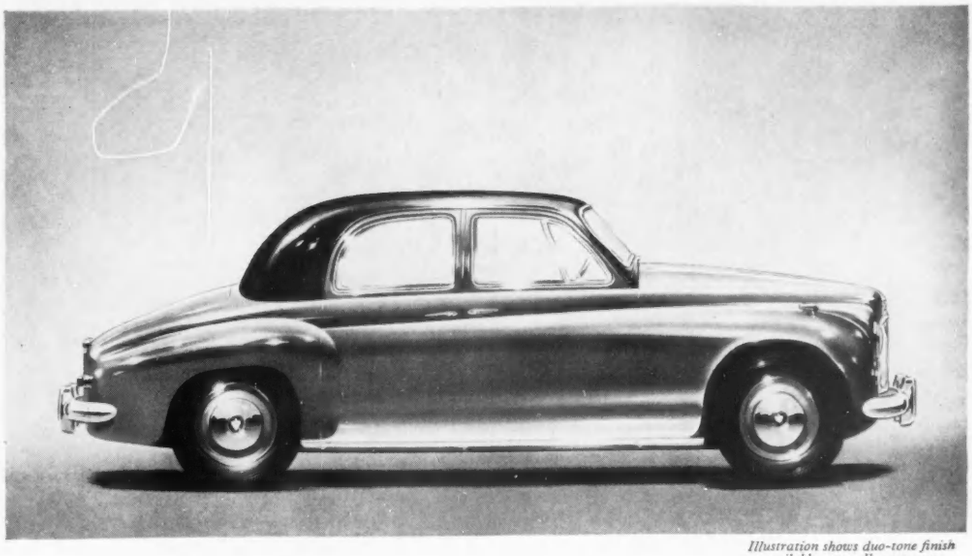
The house standing next to the Hall is now called the Dower House and was bought from the Roebuck family by the Rt. Hon. John Smyth. From the back this house appears to date from the 17th century and is without architectural interest; the front, however, belongs to the 18th century. It is an elegant little building with a pedimented roof and was clearly refronted in the late 1770s to make it harmonise with its neighbour. It seems probable that it is also the work of Carr. Beech Lawn, the next house on this side of the green, is also a 17th-century building with an 18th-century front which may also be by Carr.

The other house of importance, called—as if to confuse matters further—Heath House, stands between the new and the old Halls. Many will agree that this chaste Palladian building, lacking the pretty ornamentation of Carr's Hall, is the most distinguished at Heath. So near together do the two houses stand that comparison is inevitable. Heath House was built between 1744 and 1745 by James Paine, then but 20 years of age, for Robert Hopkinson, and is illustrated in the architect's book of designs. It is of two storeys above a rusticated ground floor. On the main front there is an engaged portico of four Doric pilasters in the centre; at either end are the twin pilasters that Paine used so frequently. It is, indeed, a faithful Palladian façade of little originality, but the design and proportions are satisfying. The interior of the house, which has now been made into flats, is simple without any particularly grand or elegant rooms. There was a house on the site before the present one was built, and it is probable that Paine was responsible for no more than the outer shell.

With the exception of the Manor House, a rambling old building of uncertain origin much altered in the last century, the other houses are small and without architectural interest. For the most part they form clusters of cottages which seem smaller than they are by comparison with the surrounding mansions. The largest of them, Cobbler's Hall, looks as if it should have a third storey, and its origin is variously explained. Lady Green states that it was built by a shoemaker who had gathered a fortune not quite sufficient to complete the house he had begun. Local tradition has it, however, that the cobbler completed his house but could not afford to live there, and that the Smyth family ordered the removal of the upper storey as it obstructed their view. It was in this house that a school, Heath Academy, was opened by John Randall in 1740, but it was run on too grand a scale and failed in 1754. The headmaster turned his attention to experimental agriculture in York, where he wrote *The Semi-Virgillian Husbandry* and *The Construction of Ploughs*.

At the end of the 18th century Heath was by many considered the most elegant of English villages, and John Housman halted on his tour to the Lakes to remark that "it is universally allowed to be one of the most beautiful in England." As none of the 18th-century houses is separated from the green by more than a ha-ha the place has an air of spaciousness, and, although Wakefield has expanded to overcome the prospect it once diversified, Heath retains considerable charm. An air of grandeur hangs about it and the houses stand as witnesses to what has been, and yet may be, preserved.

HEATH HALL, BUILT BY JOHN CARR OF YORK BETWEEN 1753 AND 1780. It is now used as a warehouse. (*Below*) THE DOWER HOUSE TO HEATH HALL: A 17th-CENTURY HOUSE WITH AN 18th-CENTURY FRONT, PROBABLY BY JOHN CARR



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POST-BAG INTERLUDE

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

PENDING a report on the British triumph at Montreux, the spotlight this week is turned on those who send in their queries with a varying degree of humility.

No doubt I should be healthier and wealthier if I followed a leading member of my clan—"Readers often write to me," he boasts, "but they never write twice"—but somehow I can never suppress a sense of mild elation when letters reach me from our far-flung dominions or the Bridge colonies of Hampstead.

Since my professional services are rendered gratis, correspondents expect me to retaliate by exposing their infamies—"Tear me to shreds in your columns if you think I was wrong" is a common form of postscript—but I hope no one will be deterred from writing on that account. If my comments in print seem caustic, it is only when there is no chance of their catching the victim's eye. Players who sink to such depths do not read COUNTRY LIFE, or any other Bridge literature for that matter; they merely glance at my work (in other media) before seizing the nearest pen. Here is a sample:

West	♠ J 9 2	*East* ♠ A K 6 5
	♡ K 10	♡ A 9 8 3
	◇ A J 9 5	◇ K 8
	♣ K J 7 2	♣ A 5 4

Although strongly opposed to the weak No-Trump at rubber bridge, I had quoted this hand from match play to show the merits of an early limit bid. In Room 1 West opened One No-Trump (12½-14 points), and East was satisfied with Three No-Trumps, knowing that a maximum combined count of 32 was insufficient for a slam on two balanced hands. After a Diamond opening in Room 2, all four suits were shown; East could not gauge the strength so accurately, and a final contract of Six No-Trumps went two down.

"As a regular reader," states my correspondent, "I notice that lately you have been advocating the advantage of the weak No-Trump over approach bidding (?). Yet your article in to-day's paper surely proves the advantage of approaching. The weak No-Trump sequence stopped at Three No-Trumps, the approach sequence arrived at a small slam. I would appreciate your comments on this in some future article."

True enough. Approach bidding did get to the slam.

Honesty is the best policy when someone tries to bully you into agreeing that his partner was the villain of the piece. If you take the line that the customer is always right, you will make an enemy for life when he gloatingly shows your reply to the partner. Thus I had to harden my heart when a dignitary of the church appealed to me in connection with this hand:

	♠ K J 10 7 ♡ A ◇ A Q 10 ♣ A K J 10 8	
♠ 8 4 3 ♡ 6 2 ◇ K 6 5 4 2 ♣ Q 9 3	N W E S	♠ A Q 9 6 5 2 ♡ 8 7 4 3 ◇ 8 ♣ 7 4
	♠ ... ♡ K Q J 10 9 5 ◇ J 9 7 3 ♣ 6 5 2	

Dealer, South. Both sides vulnerable. Bidding:

South	*West*	*North*	*East*
No bid	No bid	2 Clubs	2 Spades
No bid	No bid	Double	No bid
3 Hearts	No bid	3 No-Trumps	No bid
4 Hearts	No bid	No bid	

My correspondent was South, and made the uncharitable suggestion that North showed "unbelievable lack of interest" because he resented the removal of his double. I explained that South's bidding sounded rather like a string of Hearts headed by the Knave; that the high-card requirements for a positive response can be shaded when right-hand opponent bids over a Two Club call; that a void in East's suit was a valuable asset; that, following his decision to pass, the next call to commend itself was a cue bid of Three Spades, or at least a hefty jump in Hearts to suggest a near-solid suit; and I ended on a consoling note: "It is galling to be left in Four when Seven can be made, but, personally, I am glad to take the rubber when I am not in tune with my partner."

This reply crossed in the post a letter from North. "My reverend partner cursed me by bell, book and candle for not giving him Six," he related, "but I couldn't tell him that I was only too glad to clinch the rubber (telepathy?). Anyway, you may be amused at the outcome."

The story indeed took a new slant, for the play went thus: trick 1, Spade Eight covered by Ten and Queen, ruffed by South; 2, Heart to Ace; 3, Spade Knave covered by Ace and ruffed; 4, Club to King; 5, Spade King, South discarding Club; 6, Club Ace; 7, low Club ruffed by South, East throwing his Diamond; 8, 9, South cashed his two remaining Hearts, leaving East with the Eight; 10, Diamond ruffed by East, who claimed the rest for one down—in *Four* Hearts!

A COUNTRY LIFE reader submits a real teaser. Imagine that you are West:

West	♠ A K Q J	*East* ♠ 10 8 3
	♡ Q 10	♡ A K 7 5
	◇ 2	◇ 10 9 8 7 5
	♣ A K Q J 7 6	♣ 3

Dealer, West. East-West vulnerable.

You start off with Two Clubs—Two Hearts; Three Clubs—Three Diamonds. At this point *South doubles*. You continue with Three Spades—Three No-Trumps—Six Clubs. North leads the Three of Diamonds; South wins with the Knave and returns the Four. Before deciding (if you can) whether to ruff with a low Club or an honour, you are entitled to know the calibre of the opposition: two goodish club players with a leaning towards low cunning.

The Diamonds can be divided in one of two ways, neither of which makes sense. As you have the Two, North's Three is either a singleton or from three headed by an honour. The first hypothesis marks South with A K Q J 6 4—but would he not bid them, non-vulnerable, over East's Two Hearts to indicate a lead and sacrifice possibilities?

Not necessarily. A wily South might reason: "Obviously, West will never bid No-Trumps, so it won't be North's lead, but East may have to do so, provided I remain quiet." A responder to a Two Club call cannot be expected to guard all suits before bidding No-Trumps—give East a small Club in place of his fifth Diamond, and his only rebid is Three No-Trumps, which *might* be passed out. Again, South's lead of a low Diamond at trick 2 is in keeping with his character—to tempt West into ruffing low could be the only hope.

If the second hypothesis is correct, North must be leading from the Ace! South, remember, played the Knave—a card that is inconceivable from any Diamond holding that includes the Ace—but would North risk a hair-raising underlead against a slam? It begins to look as though you must ruff high and pray for a three-three trump break.

But North is a cunning player, and may be allowing for something like K J 6 5 in dummy, in which case the lead of the Ace might prove fatal. So there you are. I can tell you that sundry percentage experts are still grappling with this problem, having overlooked a vital clue. As my correspondent points out, it should not be missed by any student of card-table psychology.

It is long odds against South holding A K Q J 6 4. The one card a cunning player would never play at trick 1 (unless he is a Master trying to double-double-cross another Master) is a true card, to wit the Knave. He would win with the Ace and return the Queen, in the fond hope that West will place North with the King and be too mean to ruff high. My correspondent is still berating himself: he was West, he ruffed high, he went down. North, in fact, had led from A 8 3—and his holding in trumps was 8 5 4 2.

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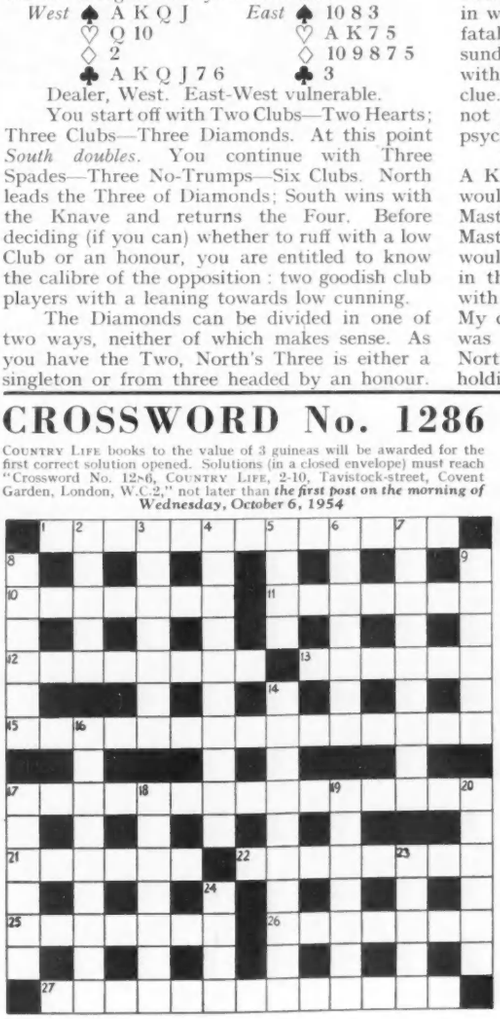

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ACROSS

1. Mischievous child required to pick brains? Not likely! (13)
10. Air test to give a singer (7)
11. He claims to be a true mixture (7)
12. Not the Dead Sea, though it might be so described (4, 4)
13. "Nay, —— are those mountains and spent the streams"—*Bridges* (6)
15. Pre-eminently reliable (5, 2, 8)
17. Murder (8, 7)
21. Some lines opposed (6)
22. Coasting (anagr.) (8)
25. Released without charge, expect no report (7)
26. Twice I force from the opening (7)
27. It is changed for thirds here (13)

DOWN

2. What Hamlet found more attractive (5)
3. A snake in the leaves by the sound of him (7)
4. Not the lunch interval, earlier (5, 2, 3)
5. Is this feast for vegetarians? (4)
6. Is it time running out? (7)
7. Monster prepared for the descent (3, 6)
8. Old game for a little dog (6)
9. Leave for the Continent unasked (6)
14. Military 15 across (10)
16. "Sandalwood, cedarwood and sweet —— —— "—*Masefield* (5, 4)
17. Made of paper and starch (6)
18. One would think that this faculty should be visible (7)
19. "I am a very ——, fond old man"—*Shakespeare* (7)
20. What those who give up gum must do (6)
23. This person can be painstaking or exasperating (5)
24. Partnership that is no company (4)

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SOLUTION TO No. 1285. *The winner of this Crossword, the clues of which appeared in the issue of September 23, will be announced next week.*

ACROSS.—1, Sound sense; 6, Jump; 9, Sandpipers; 10, Isle; 12 and 13, Brandy snaps; 16, Quarrel; 18, Drunken; 19, Ariosto; 21, Red deer; 22, Equal; 23, Indies; 27, Edam; 28, Concertina; 29, Leek; 30, Condescend. DOWN.—1, Sash; 2, Urns; 3, Duper; 4, Empanel; 5, Strayed; 7, Unshackled; 8, Pleasantry; 11, Issued; 14, Square meal; 15, Manipulate; 17, Resile; 20, Orinoco; 21, Reduced; 24, Earls; 25 and 26, Vineyard.

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MANORIAL RIGHTS

A YEAR or so ago, when an estate in Suffolk came up for auction, one of the lots offered was the lordship of the manor. It was sold, if memory serves me right, for about £150, a sum that I recollect thinking was extravagant for what seemed to be an empty title. Now, having examined the credentials of 27 lordships due to be auctioned in London on November 3, I find that I had little conception of what constitutes a typical manorial right, and that a belief that the Law of Property Acts initiated by Lord Birkenhead in the 1920s had shorn lords of manors of all their privileges, territorial or otherwise, was erroneous. In fact, it is clear that the lordship of a manor, in addition to entitling the holder to records that give a fascinating insight to local custom and tradition, often yields a modest cash income.

HISTORY UNDER THE HAMMER

IN order to advertise their forthcoming sales of 56 lordships acquired over a period of roughly 100 years by Joseph Beaumont, a solicitor, and his son, George Frederick Beaumont (29 manors are for sale privately in addition to the 27 lots to be auctioned on November 3), Messrs. Strutt and Parker and Messrs. Stanford and Son prepared lavish particulars and enlisted Mr. J. Wentworth Day to write a foreword. The choice was a happy one, for Mr. Day, in addition to being an authority on such matters, is familiar with the history of Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, the counties in which most of the manors are situated.

"History," he writes, "is under the hammer. Titles are for sale. Honours are in the market." And then he goes on to discuss the practical value of the title lord of the manor. "It is," he says, "a title of gentility, but not of nobility. It carries a territorial distinction, with, in most cases, an actual ownership of soil, whereas many a modern baron is barren of acres, the mere lord of a service flat."

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ALTHOUGH a modern lord of the manor cannot, as did the lord of Martells Hall, Essex, in 1798, carve up common land and create fresh holdings for which rents had to be paid by tenants, and still less as did the lord of the manor of Bovills Hall in the same parish, in 1754, confiscate a cart that had caused the death of a tenant "as a deodand, for which, the widow being poor, the Lord compounded for 10s.," nevertheless he can command unusual privileges on occasion.

For instance, the income of the manor of Layer Breton, near Colchester, is derived from two wayleave agreements with the Eastern Electricity Board, with rents totalling £1 16s. 6d. a year, and "payments from time to time of £7 by a travelling showman for consent to placing his roundabouts and sideshows on part of the heath, such consent being given after consultation with the police, R.D.C. and the chairman of the parish meeting."

But when all is said the monetary value of a lordship is not likely to be great, and one turns again to Mr. Wentworth Day's foreword to find the considerations that weigh with those who buy them. "To-day," he writes, "when we are awakening tardily to a full realisation of the value of our priceless heritage of manor rolls, village records, parish registers, estate rent-books, and even old game-books and Victorian family albums, it is most necessary that such manor records as survive should be jealously guarded, carefully studied, and, above all, kept in this country. Too many already lie, 3,000 miles or more out of reach, in American or other overseas libraries, museums and private collections. We cannot afford to export history all the time."

SOLD BEFORE AUCTION

THREE substantial agricultural properties, two of them in Oxfordshire, the other in Devon, have changed hands privately in advance of auction. The largest of the three is the Studley Priory estate, which lies a few miles to the north-east of Oxford. The total area of the estate, the boundaries of which are practically the same as they were when the Priory was conveyed by Henry VIII to John Croke at the Dissolution of the Monasteries, is 1,914 acres, made up of two farms with early possession, five farms let to old-established tenants, several areas of accommodation land, about 350 acres of oak woods, and most of the village of Studley. The total income from the property, which has been sold as a whole to a private investor, is just over £2,000. The sale was negotiated by Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff's London office in conjunction with the Country Gentlemen's Association.

About fifteen miles to the north-west of Studley is the Deddington estate of 1,600 acres, which was sold the other day by Messrs Curtis and Henson and Messrs. Smith Woolley and Co. on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church. Here the land consists of six tenanted farms yielding a gross income of £2,760 a year. It has been bought as an investment by Viscount Wimborne.

For Sir Ralph Newman, Bt., Messrs. Curtis and Henson have sold the Mamhead estate of 1,150 acres, which lies eight miles to the south of Exeter, Devon. Here also the land would seem to represent a sound investment, for the five mixed farms and the market garden that form the bulk of the property yield a gross income of £2,420 a year.

WITHDRAWN AT £67,500

A PROPERTY which, like the three mentioned above, was sold privately as a whole in advance of auction, but which came under the hammer on the advertised date, was the Kilnwick Percy estate of 1,947 acres, near Pocklington, in the East Riding of Yorkshire. At the auction, which was conducted by Messrs. B. L. Wells and Son on behalf of the new owner, the estate was first offered as a whole, but was withdrawn after the bidding had reached £67,500. It was then offered in 17 lots, of which nine, including two farms of 235 acres and 212 acres respectively, were sold for a total of £19,700. The remaining eight lots, consisting of Kilnwick Percy Hall and home farm, with possession, four let farms, a smallholding and two cottages, totalling 1,355 acres, were withdrawn, but have since been sold privately.

DAIRY FARMS STILL IN DEMAND

ALTHOUGH the emphasis in farming seems to have veered towards beef and pigs, there is no shortage of buyers for dairy farms, provided that the price is right, and two such farms that failed to make their reserve at recent auctions soon found new owners. One of these was Broome Hall, which covers 460 acres on the lower slopes of Leith Hill, near Dorking, Surrey, and which houses a prize-winning herd of T.T. attested Guernseys. It was sold by Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. and Messrs. Weller, Son and Grinsted. The other was Manor Farm, South Weston, near Tetsworth, Oxfordshire, a holding of just over 400 acres, which, until recently, carried a herd of pedigree shorthorns, and which has been sold by Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff's London office.

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FARMING NOTES

FIRST THINGS FIRST

MANY farmers have had to make a terribly difficult decision this harvest, whether to concentrate on harvesting the best crops before they sustained further damage, abandoning the remainder to take their chance until the end, or whether to concentrate on salvaging those crops which had suffered most while there was still something to be saved. On the whole I think most farmers chose the former alternative.

When you come to think of it, the making of decisions and choosing between a variety of alternatives is of the very essence of farming throughout. At the top of the scale there is the farmer, who, as soon as he wakes up every morning, has to decide what work to set his men to. He has to choose from at least half a dozen different alternatives, all of them things which want doing and for which conditions are suitable, but of which he knows he can do only one or perhaps two. In other words, he has to decide orders of priority, and this calls for a sense of proportion. The absence of a sense of proportion probably produces more failures in farming than anything else and, oddly enough, it is in this particular that industrialists turned farmers are weakest.

I well remember some years ago going with a prospective purchaser to view a farm that was for sale. We were accompanied by the agent, who on the way told us that the farmer was the tidiest man with whom he had ever had to do. When we arrived at the premises there were three men sweeping up the yard and everything was in apple-pie order. But the land when we reached it was some of the foulest I have ever had the misfortune to inspect. I was not surprised to discover that the farmer was giving up because he had to.

Popularity of the Clun

FLOCKMASTERS have nothing to complain about this year at the prices their lambs have made at the big lamb sales. The demand for sheep leads one to hope that many more flocks are being started. The most popular ewe for grassland work on the better classes of land is still the Border Leicester-x-Cheviot. She is hardy, prolific, a good mother, and when mated to a suitable ram will produce first-class progeny either for fat lamb or fat hogg. The only complaints I have ever heard about her is that she is expensive and that keeping her involves the purchase of replacements. This, I think, is perhaps the explanation of the increasing popularity of the Clun. Flockmasters like to be self-supporting and breed their own replacements, and the Clun seems to be the breed to which many of them are turning. The breed is hardy and prolific and can either be folded or run on grass as required. Moreover, the sheep are not too big and give a good carcase of lean meat, which pleases the butcher. At the big sale held at the end of August at Craven Arms, in Shropshire, there was a tremendous demand and prices ruled high. Many new flocks are being established. Clun breeders seem to sell their ewes when they are two years old, which is unusual. One wonders why.

Good-bye to Flax

I WAS sorry to see the announcement by the Board of Trade that in the interests of economy it has been decided not to continue with the Home Flax Scheme after the harvesting of the 1955 crop. Five of the ten mills will cease work after the processing of the present crop has been sufficiently advanced to allow this to be done; the remainder will continue to operate until the crop to be sown next year has been processed.

The Home Flax Scheme involved subsidising the crop and the expenditure has been substantial and increasing. In these circumstances it could hardly be expected to continue. The crop was by no means universally popular with farmers and with the increasingly difficult labour position there was little prospect of it becoming so. All the same, it is a pity when the growing of any crop has to be abandoned, for the wider the choice of crop a farmer has the better, and in certain circumstances flax was a useful alternative. The advantages of a wide choice of crop is not appreciated until the difficulty of a restricted choice has been experienced. I have always thought that it is this restricted choice of crop that makes arable farming on really heavy clay land so difficult, and so vulnerable. Wheat, beans and clover are really the only crops to which such land is naturally suited and, apart from grass, there is little alternative. Unless, therefore, the growing of wheat is remunerative, it is impossible to plough this sort of land profitably, and during the last depression it was precisely this type of land that was hardest hit, for the crops which were then reasonably profitable were sugar beet, potatoes and barley, none of which was suitable for heavy clays.

Milk from Jerseys

I HAPPENED to see a preliminary catalogue of the Jersey bulls which are to be sold at the Society's autumn show and sale at Reading on October 7, and was much impressed by the extraordinary performance of the dams and sires' dams of the 28 bulls it contained. Only one of these bulls was out of a cow that had given less than 1,000 gallons (the majority had given a great deal more), and even this one had given 9,665 lb. of milk at 5.59 per cent. butter-fat in a short lactation of 288 days with her third calf. Many of the cows had had seven or more calves and I noticed one that had given over the 1,000 gallons at 7 per cent. butter-fat. When one considers how small these little beasts are this seems to me an astonishing performance. It is no wonder that the breed is becoming popular with commercial milk producers. Incidentally, the ordinary bull calves are worth more to-day than they were when the Ministry of Food took them all. I have been told that this is due to the value of the skins for glove making. One cannot help wondering what became of the skins in the days of the Ministry of Food.

The Land Tribunals

AGRICULTURAL Land Tribunals are now empowered, at the request of any party concerned in a reference to them, to refer questions of law to the High Court. In future the lay members will be appointed by the Chairman of the Tribunal instead of by the Minister of Agriculture, and this appointment will be made from panels drawn up by the Lord Chancellor. The purpose of these changes is to emphasise the independence of the tribunals and give any aggrieved person wide access to the High Court as of right. I think it is fair to say that on the whole the tribunals have hitherto done a difficult task surprisingly well and that they have the confidence of both the Country Landowners' Association and of the National Farmers' Union.

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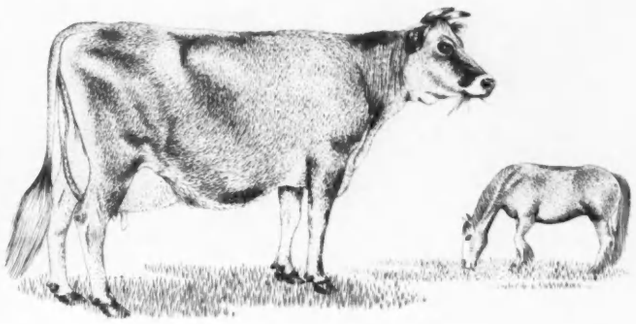

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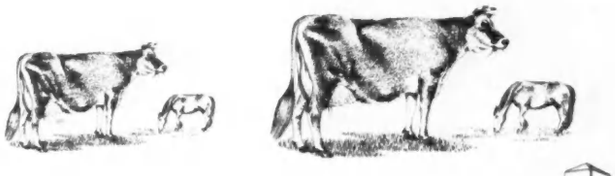

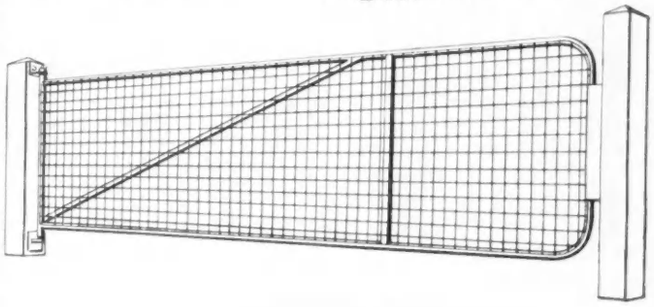

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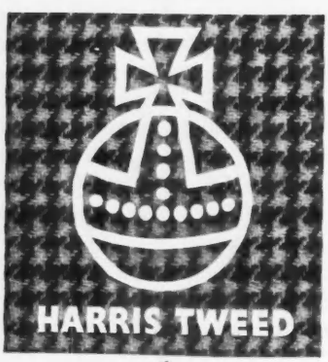

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TRAGEDY WITHOUT A VILLAIN

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

WHEN E. T. Cook's *Life of Ruskin* was published in 1911 it was reviewed in *The Daily News* by A. G. Gardiner. Gardiner wrote: "Ruskin is more than anything he achieved. He is a spiritual atmosphere." I don't think that can be bettered. There is room for argument about the achievement. Since Cook's assessment there have been many assessments. There have been many points of view. There doesn't seem to be much more to be said about Ruskin and those lives with which his life became complicated. Admiral peculiar quality of English Socialism will always in some part exist because it alone has drawn inspiration not from Revolution and industrial efficiency, but from mediæval feudalism and from ancient beauty." However true this may have been in the beginning it seems to me a point on which not much stress can be laid to-day. Socialism is as far from Ruskin as Ruskin, in maturity, was from the parents who shaped his childhood and youth.

There was something almost maniacal in their ambition for the lonely and prodigious child, but

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James's *The Order of Release* was the most important recent addition of new knowledge, and soon Ruskin's own diaries will be published by the Clarendon Press. It looks as though, then, the "book of words" will be complete.

But, despite all this, despite the points of view, despite the completeness of the evidence, one is always glad to read another book about Ruskin because "a spiritual atmosphere" is inexhaustible. The newest book is *John Ruskin*, by Joan Evans (Cape, 25s.). Dr. Evans has been engaged for some years, in collaboration with Mr. J. H. Whitehouse, in editing the diaries that are about to appear. She is permitted to quote from them here, and so her book is, so to speak, up to the minute.

However, we have here essentially no new light on Ruskin; a new word, a new fact or two, perhaps, but no new light. As Ruskin has been revealed, so he stands unchanged. His story, says Dr. Evans, "might well be called a tragedy without a villain. None of its chief characters but are actuated by noble or at the least honourable motives; even the minor characters have no intention of malice or unkindness. Yet, as in some Greek play, their efforts work together with a hereditary taint to bring one of the finest minds of its generation to destruction."

INEFFECTUAL ÆSTHETE?

So much for the man. As for his work, "nothing is easier than to call Ruskin an ineffectual æsthete; yet, in fact, he has left his mark on England and his influence is at work even now, fifty years after his death and seventy since his madness removed him from effective contact with the world." Speaking jointly of Ruskin and William Morris, Dr. Evans says that "their political economy was as much—or more—inspired by their sense of Beauty as by their sense of Truth or of Goodness. . . . The essentially it was the fatal ambition to mould him to their own hearts' desires. It might have made meaner metal worthier. It perverted the shape into which Ruskin's gold was to flow. Yet, in considering the life of any man of genius, it is always as well to look for the irritant that produces the pearl. Suppose, for example, that Ruskin's parents had been all understanding and compliance when the boy fell in love with the daughter of his father's partner? Supposing they had allowed him to marry his Adèle, would he have settled down to a jog-trot normalcy of marriage? Had he done so, there would not have been the disastrous alliance with Effie Grey, and the even more disastrous experience with Rose La Touche. But the question remains: would a happy Ruskin have produced the work that was, in fact, produced by one of the unhappiest men who ever lived? His parents committed a worse crime than smothering him at birth: they smothered him from birth onward. The girl who was to be his wife saw the danger, and in reply to her warning, he wrote: "You say we can't always expect to be taken care of—I know we can't—and that's just why I want to be while we *can*. It is *so* nice, Effie, not to have to take care of oneself."

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extended and deepened. Lytton Strachey, he says, "sniggered" at the question; "but I still think it was very much to the point."

I put the episode at the outset of this review because, to most of us, it will be surprising. The book tells us a lot about the Aga Khan that we didn't know. He is one of those personalities who appear often in newspaper photographs and news stories, and these show the façade only of what here proves to be a multiple, engaging and serious person. What we are treated to is a series of pictures showing a stout smiling gentleman in a silk hat leading in a race-course winner, or, in Eastern clothes, being weighed against gold or diamonds; or we read of gunmen holding him up on the Riviera and getting away with thousands of pounds. Great wealth is another of the attributes ascribed to him. He disclaims this. Admitting that he controls a large income, he adds, "In the end only a small fraction of it—if any—is left for members of my family and myself." This was the only point in the book where I had to permit myself a broad smile. "I feel no flicker of shame at owning three or four cars . . . nor am I ashamed of being the owner of a big racing stable." Why should he be? But let us be sensible. A "small fraction, if any," clearly doesn't mean to him what it does to us poor hacks who labour day in day out on the Chancellor's behalf.

RELIGION AND LIFE

But here we find a man who is something very different from the newspaper picture: the spiritual head of a Moslem sect whose members are scattered throughout the world; a man deeply interested in the arts and in artists of all kinds; an educationist who has founded a university; a statesman who has had a hand in many deep affairs; above all, a man of many friendships. "I have never been bored," he says. The variety of his interests accounts for that. He has known most of the princes and statesmen of his own land, of Egypt, Persia and Europe. He has dined with Queen Victoria and watched her in advanced age "eat and drink heartily—every kind of wine that was offered, and every course, including both the hot and the iced pudding." He observed that her Indian attendants "were the same kind of second-rate servants whom I had noticed in her entourage at Nice." He was on familiar terms with her son and grandson, to say nothing of J. H. Taylor, the golf professional, Frank Butters, the race-horse trainer, Charlie Chaplin and innumerable others.

But his chief concern in life, he says, since he became Imam at the age of eight, has been the welfare of the Ismaili branch of the Shia sect of Muslims. "My duties in this task have always been my prime concern . . . they have occupied a large part of every day of my life." He devotes a chapter to "the Islamic Concept" and his rôle within it as Imam. It is a deeply interesting piece of writing. With no sense of incongruity, he goes on in the next chapter to "My Career on the Turf." Life to him is one thing, and not an ascetic thing at that; though in fact, from personal predilection, his life is harder and more ascetic in some points than the popular picture leads one to suppose. The impression of a most likeable human being remains in the mind.

POCKET PAINTINGS

In his effort to spread a knowledge of art, Ruskin was for ever drawing and employing others to draw for him. Photography was there, as the excellent photograph of him by Lewis Carroll, reproduced in Dr. Evans's book, shows; but it hadn't reached the general scope which now floods the bookshops with reproductions. Here is an addition to the output: the Fontana Pocket Library of Great Art, published by Collins at 4s. each. The first six deal with El Greco, Toulouse-Lautrec, Renoir, Cézanne, Botticelli and Van Gogh. Each of the handy little volumes has a brief introduction, and a word or two of comment is printed against each picture. The pictures are all in colour, except, of course, where they are reproductions of sketches. One, or a few, of them would make a Christmas present.

It is not too soon, I hope, to be talking of Christmas presents. I imagine the publishers have them in view in offering us now *The Saturday Book*, edited by John Hadfield (Hutchinson, 25s.) and *The Esquire Treasury* (Heinemann, 16s.).

This is the fourteenth annual Saturday Book to be offered, and the standard is well maintained. Variety, the unexpected, seems to be the target, and here we have the usual bull's-eye. You are instructed on how to light a fire or keep goldfish; you are enchanted by the knowledge that fancy waistcoats are "coming in," you are taken for walks in Sicily and Venice and under the English earth. There are the usual good short stories, poems, and often surprising photographs. It makes a lucky dip with a prize for everybody.

The *Esquire* book is a choice by Arnold Gingrich from the pictures, stories and articles that have appeared in the magazine during recent years. Many famous names appear on the list of contents. The fiction is, on the whole, good, but many of the articles are, so far as my personal taste goes, too far to the smarty-smart side, and the ladies whose charms are reproduced a little too lush. However, it takes all sorts to sell a million, the figure predicted by the publishers, and certainly you have all sorts here.

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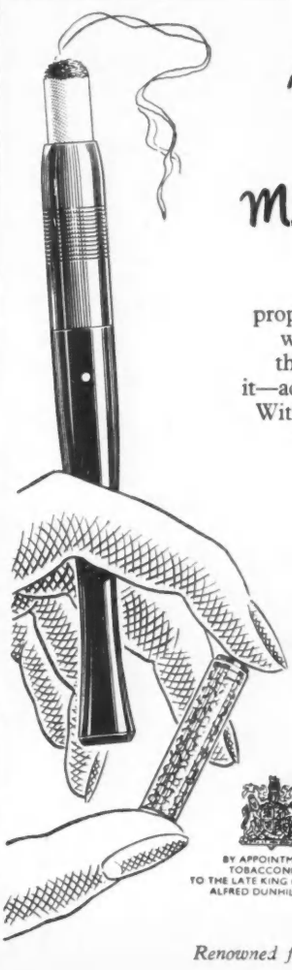

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THE NEW LOOK FOR AUTUMN

Moleskin dyed in shaded tones of mushroom brown is worked like a supple woollen for a jacket that has leg-of-mutton sleeves, a roll collar and is belted in smartly so that it blouses slightly at the back (Mattli)

Ensemble of dress and short jacket in green and brown tweed. The dress moulds the figure. The jacket is lined with rabbit dyed a deep sea green to match the tweed (Michael)

A REVERSAL of the usual state of affairs has taken place in the Harald collection, where the suits have discarded their tailored revers and collars and acquired soft dressmaker details, and the day dresses look man-tailored. Even the evening dresses in shining satin have tailored bodices and straps, while cocktail dresses in stiff magnificent silks are often cut like a coat frock.

The suits possess great charm. Jackets are shorter than anything else seen in London and fasten across to one side with a draped collar or a draped basque. Most of the jackets are close-fitting and go with skirts of pencil slimness. Some hang straight, and one in black barely covers the waistline and has a big spreading shawl collar bordered with black bobble edging. Another of these straight brief jackets fastens by a knitted cord that threads through the wide spread collar and ties with pom-poms of wool. It is in a boldly ribbed beige woollen. Topcoats possess neither shoulder pads, shoulder seams nor revers and look completely casual. One in zibeline angora, a lightweight fabric with a pile surface, is in bracken brown and wraps around.

The cocktail dresses are made over stiffened foundations and have bell-shaped skirts, long sleeves that cling to the arms right down to the wrist, and low-cut bodices, usually a deep oval or V shape. In black—either slipper satin, a novelty silk that looks like wool, or black horsehair ribbon—they have great chic. Bright colours are shown as well, such as copper satin and a vivid flashing turquoise. Short evening dresses are extremely décolleté and in equally bright colours, with glittering rhinestone embroidery on their skirts. Fabrics are slipper satin, a winter favourite, and some exquisite fragile gilt laces. Satin is featured also for full-length evening dresses of great magnificence in pale blue and shocking pink that have skirts that bell out at the back and are plain and flat in front. Bodices are simple and moulded and present a tailored appearance. The same shape is shown also in palest blue velvet, with pearl and diamond embroidery lightly done over the hips and bodice. A coffee-coloured lace that is as light as gossamer is looped with lime-green ribbons and rose pink, and has a skirt that fans out at the back.

Ranch mink, a glossy dark brown, is stranded vertically for a jacket with wide three-quarter sleeves. The skins are worked into a small V at the back to reveal the neck (Bradleys)

Cocktail dresses in gleaming slipper satin and with a sleeve of some kind are evidently marked out as a pet fashion of this winter. In the Dorville collection there are some charming ones in biscuit, café au lait and mushroom brown tones made with clinging sleeves that reach to just below the elbow and with necklines that are cut out to a low and open V or oval. These dresses are beltless and the wide skirts are set in to the clinging sweater tops with box pleats on the hipline. Another satin, with a top cut like a shirt, with long sleeves gathered into a wristband, is chic in a biscuit colour.

The short, jaunty jackets are called Polonaise and shown in speckled tweeds and soft-textured wool in dark colours or black. They are hip-length or shorter and full at the hems. Speckled tweed is shown over a dress that has a full pleated skirt belling out over stiffened petticoats. Another in black wool is shorter, barely covering

the waist, and there is a wide shawl collar bordered with black fringe, while underneath is a clinging black dress, beltless and collarless and V necked. A series of straight jackets are shown as well, lined with dyed moleskin. One in a pepper-and-salt tweed has a lining and cravat of moleskin that has been dyed sulphur yellow, and this makes a lovely combination. The jackets with a half-belt on the hemline at the back and buttoned either end are smart; the belt holds them in, creating a barrel shape. Some of the tweed dresses feature an interesting neck treatment where the squared collar buttons over at the throat.

The great majority of the tweeds in this collection were speckled in tones of brown, but there was a splash of rich vivid colour in a royal blue tweed suit. A brand-new fabric also made its début among the dresses—a thick cotton that looks like suède, has an attractive bloom, and is washable. It was shown as a charming putty-coloured dress with a bell skirt and buttoning down the front. Fabrics in a mixture of wool and Ardil hang well as wide skirts, and the percentage of Ardil makes them especially hard-wearing. Dress colours were, on the whole, brilliant—coral-coloured lacquer red, sulphur yellow and several bright blues.

Frederick Starke, showing his collection of dresses adapted from the Paris collections, features many plain dark woollens fitted as closely as a glove from either a turn-down Peter Pan collar or a narrow neckband to the gently flared hemline. Many of the dresses button right down the front and all have long clinging sleeves to the wrists. White fur collars, narrow and turndown, appear on these dresses, and also on some of the close-fitting waist-length jackets that accompany cocktail dresses. A slim skirted suit also has this white fur collar, very smart on a hip-length middy jacket that is bordered with black silk braid on the hemline.

(*Below*) **Bouclé wool suit in tan edged with white angora at collar and cuffs. The jacket is woven in a basket stitch. The skirt has an elasticised waist so that it pulls on over the hips (Pringle from Simpsons)**

Sleek fitting dark grey cashmere sweater knitted with a pattern of white cable stitch on front and back (Ballantyne)

The satin cocktail dress is shown in several colours—in steel blue, with a moulded waist and a fully gored skirt worked into corded horizontal bands; in midnight blue satin with a V neckline in front and a high-cut back. Both these dresses have close-fitting three-quarter sleeves and are full in the skirt. A theatre coat in black grosgrain was collared with black velvet and shown over a black grosgrain dress touched with velvet on the bodice and with narrow bootlace shoulder straps. The long evening dresses were swept to the back, where a panel of folds created a fluid line. One was in dahlia-red slipper satin, for slipper satin has come into its own. A white organza ankle-length evening dress, flock printed with white bouquets, was lovely, and so was a steel-grey silk that was embroidered with bouquets in the same colour. Gold and parchment lamé was another silk shown for cocktail and short evening dresses.

The sweater line for evening dresses appears in the Roecliff and Chapman collection in black velvet for an elegant dress with a décolletage cut out to an envelope shape in front and bordered with mink, and cut to a curve close to the neck at the back. Lace cocktail dresses expound the long lines of this winter with clinging sleeves to the wrist and bodices fitting high to the throat. A band of mink is placed across the front of one, which has a slit opening for the neckline.

Arthur Banks shows a theatre coat in black velvet, falling in full gores from narrow shoulders and lined with the same parchment-coloured organza, flock-printed with black stars, as was used for the dress underneath. For this dress the organza was laid over taffeta of the same parchment tint to make a bell-shaped skirt. He has also designed a very pretty cocktail dress in a featherlight tweed of pale greyed lilac colour. All over the bodice a light tracing of embroidery is arranged in scrolls so that it gleams. The unbelted sweater line is shown for cocktail dresses in pale-coloured brocades and ottoman silks.

All the full-skirted cocktail dresses in the Spectator Sports collection were mounted on a stiffened lining, which made the skirts spring away from the tiny waists. A skirt in pink taffeta embossed with grey velvet foliage was cut in gores and continued above the waist as a high curved band; the top was of ruched grey chiffon with one narrow shoulder strap. This theme of separate skirt and top was repeated several times, the skirt keeping the same shape. In black taffeta tufted with cerise yarn it was teamed with a halter top in black permanently pleated nylon that was attached to an underslip with a deep frill in cerise. In ice-blue satin it had a chemise top in white and blue brocade and a short straight jacket in the satin trimmed on the three-quarter sleeves with mink.

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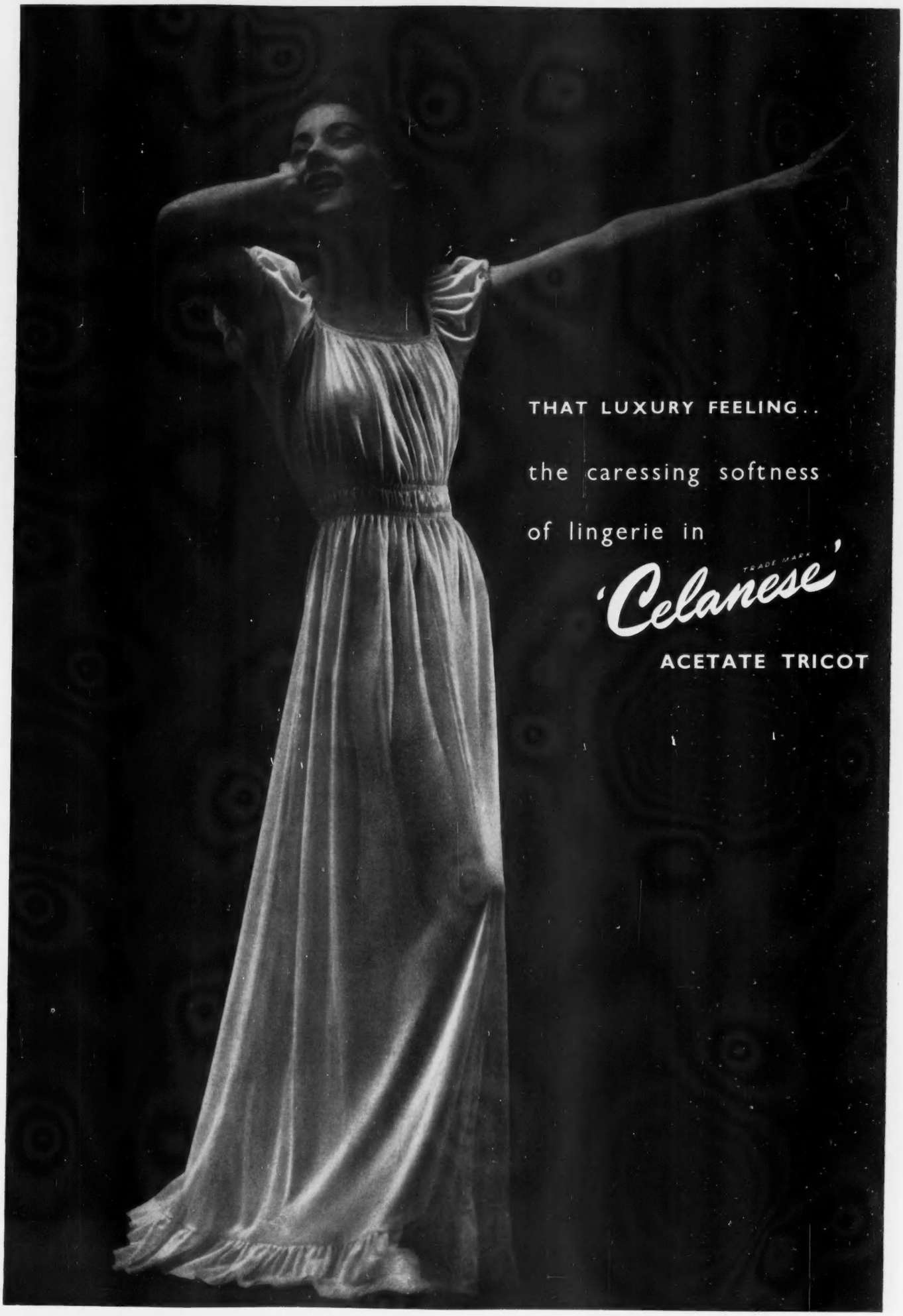
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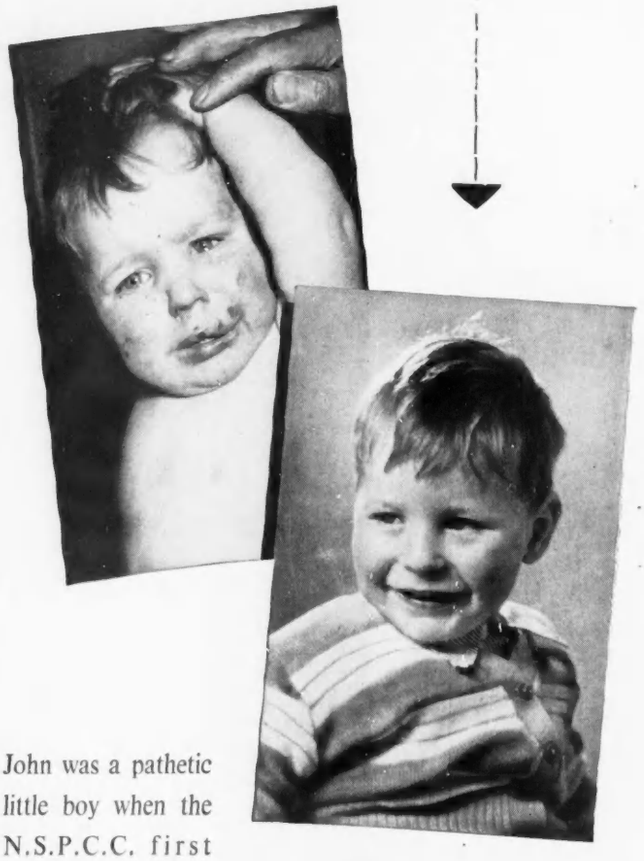

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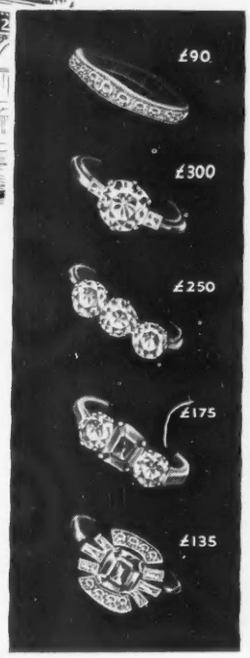

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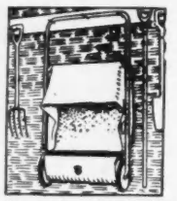

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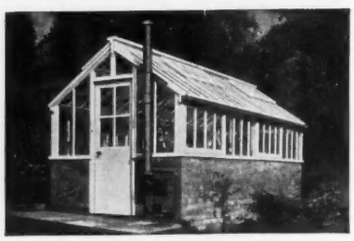

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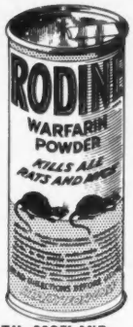

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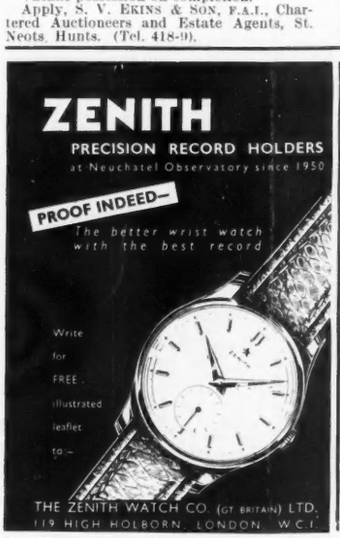
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